



March 22, 2013

Honourable Ric McIver  
Minister of Transportation  
425 Legislature Building  
10800 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

**Re: Murphy Road in the County of St. Paul and the MD of Bonnyville**

This letter is a follow-up to our meeting of March 19, 2013 that was held in conjunction with the AAMDC Spring Convention. Attached you will find an engineering report outlining the need for an overlay on the County of St. Paul portion of this road. In fact the County of St. Paul had submitted a Resource Road Program application for Murphy Road in the fall of 2012, however was not eligible to receive funding 2 years in a row.

While both municipalities would appreciate Provincial assistance in completing the required overlay on this road, we feel strongly that this road should be under Provincial jurisdiction. This road is a major thoroughfare for industry and currently has only one resident that lives along the road. The traffic count currently shows 1000 vehicles per day. We expect that to increase dramatically with the construction of a SAGD plant (involving a 300 person work camp) along the road as well as the construction of two pipelines adjacent to the road during the summer of 2013.

This overlay for approximately 30 km of road is estimated at over \$9,500,000. It is difficult for both municipalities to fund the cost of this road when it benefits industry so much more than our residents. With the volume of traffic on this road, the expectation is that it be kept up to Provincial standard. Unfortunately there are some safety issues developing due to the deterioration of the road.

The County of St. Paul and the MD of Bonnyville look forward to the Minister's response regarding the Province taking over this important road as a numbered Provincial Highway.

Sincerely,

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Reeve, County of St. Paul

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