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Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Dear Minister Madu:

Re: Permitting and Inspection Issues

ACA understands that Section 686 of the MGA has been changed to extend the appeal deadlines for permitted uses with waivers (like single detached dwellings) and discretionary uses until October 1, 2020. An unintended consequence may be to slow down applicants from starting to work on their approved development permits. For example, the City of Lethbridge advises that a hotel is ready to go but there are 2 parking permits which now would hold up the project to October 1st, not the regular 2 week appeal period. The City of Lethbridge has measures in place that still allow them to digitally process and approve permits to keep the process moving forward.

ACA requests that Municipal Affairs not extend the appeal process where the municipality has digital processes in place.

ACA further urges the Provincial Government to work with municipalities and delegated agencies including AEDARSA (Alberta Elevating Devices Safety Agency) to ensure permitting and inspection processes continue to function at full capacity so as not to impede approval and completion of projects. A number of ACA member companies have raised concerns about AEDARSA halting inspections during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Sincerely,

Frederick Vine, Chairman

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