



The Village of Opportunity

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Honourable Ron Orr
Minister of Culture
Office of the Minister of Culture and Status of Women
224 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
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Dear Honourable Ron Orr,

As you know Covid has had a tremendous strain on businesses, especially the small businesses in rural Alberta which is evident within the Village of Clive. Our businesses and community groups have been struggling with the closures, food inventory shortages, extra protective and cleaning measures, and following the changing AHS guidelines.

This fall businesses and community groups were forced to take on AHS's policing role by implementing the REP program in order to stay open. We are disappointed that the Provincial government has not provided leadership when it comes to implementing mandatory vaccine programs. With the province downloading the responsibility to our business owners they have felt as though they are being labeled as the "bad guys" in this ongoing pandemic that has caused them to lose business. The Village of Clive feels that our small businesses and community groups have suffered the most throughout the pandemic and continue to suffer.

Without our small businesses and community groups our community would not be what it is. Our business owners and community groups have followed all rules which has resulted in minimizing the rate of Covid infection throughout our Village. We as Council wish to advocate for our small businesses and our community groups as the Village would truly suffer if any one of them were forced to close their doors due to hardships caused by the pandemic.

We are urging that more be done to assist small businesses and community groups responding to the pandemic by making financial support for smaller business easier to access or give exemptions to small businesses and community groups that do not fit into government program categories. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

Luci Henry, Mayor
Village of Clive

cc. MP Blaine Calkins, MLA David Shepherd-Health Critic, Towns of Bashaw, Bentley, Ponoka, Village of Alix, City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, Clive businesses and Clive community organizations.

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