



## AGENDA ITEM

### 2021 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

March 11, 2021

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#### BACKGROUND

Since 2002, this annual award program has encouraged municipalities to share their successes by recognizing accomplishments in the provision of municipal services in Alberta. Each year municipalities, whether individually or in partnership with other organizations, highlight practices including new and unique approaches to issues, streamlined processes for existing practices and creative community partnerships.

The 2021 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence features 'Partnership' as a category. Award will be given for an innovative initiative involving a local or regional partnership that achieves results that could not have otherwise been accomplished by the municipality alone. This could involve cooperation, coordination and collaboration with other municipalities, businesses, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations, community groups and other orders of government to achieve a specific outcome.

The deadline to submit a practice for the 2021 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence is March 31, 2021.

Staff recommend that application be made for the award for the *Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan* project, which highlights a regional partnership of eight municipalities to create a statutory plan that ensures land-use decisions are thoughtfully considered and support the long term interests of all.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Council endorse submitting an application for the *Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan* for consideration of the 2021 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.

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