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July 6, 2016

Her Worship Melissa Blake
Mayor
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
9909 Franklin Avenue
Fort McMurray AB T9H 2K4

Dear Mayor Blake,

I'm writing to make you aware that I have signed the Ministerial Order the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) has requested to allow your community to post notice of orders to demolish homes that were damaged or destroyed by the 2016 wildfire on your public website rather than serving notice on the owners of the properties.

Pursuant to Section 615.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, this Ministerial Order will authorize the RMWB to serve an Order of Remedy on the owner of a structure, land or property. According to the Act, an Order of Remedy is deemed to be received by the owner when the Order is posted on the regional municipality's website.

In addition to posting the Order of Remedy on the website, the RMWB will also be required to mail a copy of each Order of Remedy to the mailing address of the relevant taxpayer shown on the municipality's current tax roll. Finally, the municipality is required to advertise the Order in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks, along with the legal land description and addresses of the affected properties.

I strongly encourage your municipality to contact the Red Cross to see if they have more communications channels that the RMWB can use to reach out to the affected residents to make them aware that their properties may be cleaned up or bulldozed.

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Mayor Melissa Blake

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Thank you for your continued efforts to help rebuilding your tremendous community. Please feel free to connect with me should you have further questions, concerns or require more support from my ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Larivee', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Danielle Larivee
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSL: 057/16



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MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSL:057/16

Whereas an emergency and disaster exists in the Municipal Authority as a result of the May 2016 wildfires;

and whereas having regard to the request of the Municipal Authority it is necessary to assist the Municipal Authority with the emergency and disaster.

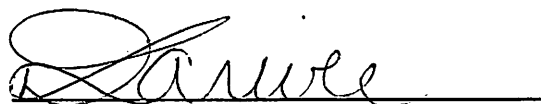
I, Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 615.1 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, order as follows:

1. In this Order:
 - a. Act means the *MGA*.
 - b. Council means the Council of the Municipal Authority.
 - c. Date of service and receipt means the date and time when a notice of issuance of an Order to Remedy is posted on the website.
 - d. Municipal Authority means the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
 - e. Order to Remedy means an Order issued by a designated officer of the Municipal Authority pursuant to Section 546 of the Act.
 - f. Website means the Municipal Authority website, the address which is <http://www.rmwb.ca>.
2. The Municipal Authority is authorized to serve an Order to Remedy on the owner of the structure, land or property identified in the Order to Remedy and such Order to Remedy is deemed received by the owner on the date of service and receipt. The notice will include the legal description and the municipal address to which an Order to Remedy has been issued and is deemed served.

The Order to Remedy is deemed to be received by the owner for the purposes of Sections 546, 547(1)(b) and 548(1.1)(b) of the Act when posted on the website.
3. In addition to posting the notice of Order to Remedy on the website the Municipal Authority shall:
 - a. Mail a copy of each Order to Remedy referenced in the notice that has been posted on the website to the mailing address of the relevant taxpayer shown on the current tax roll for the Municipal Authority.

- b. Advertise in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks the structures, lands or property by legal description and municipal address for which the notice of Order to Remedy have been posted on the website.
4. Notice to the owners of any further proceedings with respect to the Order to Remedy may be posted on the website and are deemed to be received by the owner when posted on the website.
5. This Order continues in effect until rescinded.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 5th day of July, 2016.



Danielle Larivee
Minister of Municipal Affairs