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His Worship Richard Poole
Mayor
Town of Blackfalds
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Dear Mayor Poole,

Thank you for your February 25, 2021, letter regarding the Town of Blackfalds' desire to establish a registry agent. I appreciate hearing your concerns on this matter.

The Government of Alberta is currently working with registry agents to modernize registry services. Our focus is on improving access for Albertans through innovative service delivery methods and the use of technology. We want to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all Albertans, wherever they live. The government is aware that the Town of Blackfalds would like to have a registry agent in the community, and we remain committed to analyzing this request as we examine the overall needs of Alberta's Registry Agent Network.

As Minister Glubish referenced in his November 2020 letter, Service Alberta is reviewing the Registry Agent Expansion policy in collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Association of Alberta Registry Agents and the Alberta Motor Association. With completion expected in the summer of 2021, this work will result in an updated policy to determine which communities would qualify for a new registry agent expansion opportunity. The updated policy will take into account changes in population, municipal census data, local resident comments, and input from municipal governments, like the Town of Blackfalds. It will also consider the impact that new registry agent opportunities may have on existing agents within the community and other nearby communities.

Upon updating the Registry Agent Expansion policy, Service Alberta will review the request from the Town of Blackfalds. Once a decision has been reached, representatives from the ministry will contact the town's administration to discuss the issue.

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Thank you again for writing. Alberta's government remains committed to providing effective registry services for everyone in the province.

Best wishes for good health.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Kenney", written over a rectangular stamp area.

Hon Jason Kenney PC
Premier of Alberta

cc: Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta