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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT (TOURISM COMMUNITY
DESIGNATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 2023**

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First Reading

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Committee of the Whole

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(Assented to _____, 2023)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA 2000 cM-26

- 1 The *Municipal Government Act* is amended by this Act.
- 2 The following is added immediately after section 602.48:

Part 15.2 Designated tourism communities

Interpretation

602.49 In this Part,

- (a) “designated tourism community” means a municipality, including a specialized municipality referred to in section 77(f), or improvement district that is designated under section 602.51(2) as a tourism community;
- (b) “destination development committee”, of a designated tourism community, means the committee established under section 602.52(b) for that community.

Purpose of Part

602.50 The purpose of this Part and the regulations made under this Part is to provide for the designation of tourism communities as a means to support visitation to, and the

Explanatory Notes

- 1** Amends chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- 2** Part 15.2 Designated tourism communities.

economic growth and sustainability of the tourism sector in, those communities.

Designation

602.51(1) The Minister may recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that a municipality or improvement district be designated as a tourism community if

- (a) the Minister receives a request from the council of the municipality or improvement district, and
- (b) the municipality or improvement district meets the criteria prescribed by regulation.

(2) On recommendation of the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, designate a municipality or an improvement district as a tourism community.

Lieutenant Governor in Council regulations

602.52 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) establishing criteria for the purposes of section 602.51(1)(b);
- (b) for the purpose of clauses (c) and (d), establishing a destination development committee for each designated tourism community and appointing members to that committee that include representatives from the council of the designated tourism community and its tourism sector;
- (c) establishing a program or service to which a designated tourism community may, subject to the approval of its destination development committee, apply for support in respect of any of the following matters:
 - (i) building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to
 - (A) increase the capacity of the designated tourism community to host visitors and other non-residents, and individuals employed in the tourism sector, or
 - (B) develop or enhance the character of the designated tourism community;

- (ii) facilitating marketing and other tourism initiatives;
- (d) on recommendation of a member of Executive Council, prescribing and modifying as necessary an existing program or service administered by that member of the Executive Council as a program or service to which a designated tourism community may, subject to the approval of its destination development committee, apply for support in respect of the matters referred to in clause (c).

3 This Act comes into force 1 year after the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

3 Coming into force.

