



APPENDIX B

March 10, 2025

Subject: Proposal for Membership Fees – Alberta Bilingual Municipal Association (ABMA)

Dear Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer,

On behalf of the Alberta Bilingual Municipal Association (ABMA), I would like to express our gratitude for your continued support and commitment to promoting bilingualism in Alberta's municipalities.

At our recent meeting on February 15, 2025, the members of the ABMA made an important decision to present a proposal for the introduction of membership fees for our current members as well as municipalities wishing to join our association.

After extensive discussions and a review of models from similar associations, we believe that establishing a membership fee will not only demonstrate a clear commitment from our members but also serve as a valuable indicator of engagement when applying for grants.

Proposed Membership Fees:

- **Villages:** \$150.00
- **Towns under 2,000 population:** \$500.00
- **Towns over 2,000 population:** \$700.00
- **Cities:** \$1,100.00
- **Municipal Districts/Counties:** \$1,100.00

We are confident that, with your support, we can enhance the value of our association and strengthen our collective impact. These contributions will help us expand our initiatives, provide more resources to our members, and advocate effectively for the needs of bilingual communities across Alberta.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to your feedback. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the ABMA and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Elisa Brosseau,
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April 15, 2025

Elisa Brosseau, Chair
Alberta Bilingual Municipal Association (ABMA)

via email: abmalberta@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Brosseau:

RE: Proposal for Membership Fees

On behalf of the Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.), thank you for your letter dated March 10, 2025 regarding proposed annual membership fees and for the ongoing work of the Alberta Bilingual Municipal Association (ABMA).

The membership fee proposal was discussed at the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 8, 2025. At that time, Council requested further clarification regarding the proposed membership fees, specifically:

1. Criteria or benchmarks used to determine the proposed fee structure; and
2. Details on the tangible benefits that a membership fee would offer to member municipalities, including:
 - a. Grant applications that the Association has, or will be, making application for; and
 - b. Initiatives and resources for member municipalities that the Association intends to implement or expand on.

Understanding how the membership fee will contribute to municipal engagement with the ABMA and its broader objectives will be helpful in assessing the proposed fee structure.

We appreciate the efforts being made to strengthen the Association and support bilingual communities across the province. We look forward to your response and appreciate the opportunity to continue supporting the Association's work.

Sincerely,

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Barry Kalinski
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