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His Worship Rodney Shaigec
Mayor, Parkland County
53109A Hwy 779
Parkland County, AB T7Z 1R1

Dear Mayor Shaigec:

Thank you for the letter of January 15, 2013 from Mr. Doug Tymchyshyn, Manager, Legislative and Administrative Services, and the accompanying proposed bylaws regarding the 2013 Parkland County general election.

As I understand it, Parkland County is requesting a relaxation of Section 53(3) of the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)*, as there is insufficient time to pass a voter identification bylaw six months in advance of nomination day. I am aware of this challenge and have asked my staff to explore this further. I will communicate further with you and other municipal leaders in the near future on this issue.

My ministry has reviewed your request for a new Ministerial Order allowing more than one voting station in each voting subdivision as allowed under Section 160(1)(a) of the *LAEA*, and has determined that the previous Ministerial Order approved in 2004 is still in effect. Therefore, no additional Ministerial Order is necessary to authorize council to pass a bylaw allowing multiple voting stations.

I appreciate Parkland County's efforts to be prepared for the 2013 municipal election and wish you success with it.

Sincerely,

Doug Griffiths
Minister

copy: Pat Vincent
Chief Administrative Officer, Parkland County

Doug Tymchyshyn
Manager, Legislative and Administrative Services, Parkland County