

TREASURY BOARD AND FINANCE

Office of the Minister MLA, Calgary-Fort 45239

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Mr. Kevin Kraft President Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce 4419 - 52 Avenue Lloydminster AB T9V 0Y8

Dear Mr. Kraft:

Thank you for writing to the Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade; the Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks; and the office of the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding your concerns over the impact of the carbon levy on the City of Lloydminster. As the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, I am pleased to respond to your letter on behalf of our government. Thank you for sharing your concerns, as I value all feedback and comments and carefully consider them.

In order to deal with the unique challenges of fuel retailers in Lloydminster, our government has implemented a grant program to offset the difference between the total carbon levy and fuel tax in Alberta and the fuel tax in Saskatchewan. In 2017, grants will cover the equivalent of 2.49 cents per litre of gasoline, 3.35 cents per litre of diesel and 3.48 cents per litre of propane.

As you may be aware, the grant began April 1, 2017, but will cover sales retroactive to January 1, 2017, when the carbon levy came into effect. More information on the grant is available on the Tax and Revenue Administration (TRA) website: www.finance.alberta.ca/publications/tax_rebates/lloydminster-grant/overview.html.

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Sincerely,

Joe Ceci President of Treasury Board, Minister of Finance

cc: Honourable Deron Bilous Minister of Economic Development and Trade

Honourable Shannon Phillips Minister of Environment and Parks

Honourable Shaye Anderson Minister of Municipal Affairs

Dr. Richard Starke MLA, Vermilion-Lloydminster

Kevin - apologies for the delay in His response - your letter made it's way to me forom three other ministers - they asked me to respond on their behalf.