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His Worship John DeMerchant  
Mayor  
Village of Bawlf  
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Dear Mayor DeMerchant and Council,

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has completed the review of the petition received on June 6, 2018 from electors of the Village of Bawlf.

Section 130 (2)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* states, to be sufficient, a petition requesting a viability review must be signed by electors of the municipality numbering at least 30 per cent of the population. At the time the petition was received, the population of the village was 422; therefore, 126 signatures were required for the petition to be sufficient. Section 225 (3) of the *MGA* requires petitioners to be excluded if they do not meet specific criteria. 143 petition signatures met petition requirements and were able to be verified. As 17 petition signatures above the required 126 were obtained, the petition was found to be sufficient.

In consideration of the sufficiency of the petition, I have determined a viability screening for the Village of Bawlf will be undertaken. The screening will further assist in determining whether the concerns raised warrant a full viability review, or whether alternate actions or supports would be more appropriate. A viability screening consists of voluntary interviews with municipal council, the CAO of the village, and the petitioners' representative, as well as a review of municipally-reported financial and statistical information Municipal Affairs receives annually.

Municipal Affairs will arrange with council and the village CAO to commence the viability screening at the earliest convenience.

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If you wish to discuss further, please contact Marnie Lee, Municipal Viability Advisor, in the Municipal Capacity and Sustainability Branch of Municipal Affairs, toll-free at 310-0000, then 825-468-4274.

Sincerely,



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Hon. Shaye Anderson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Tracy Ormsbee, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Bawlf  
Marnie Lee, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Affairs