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Dear Residents and Property Owners of the Village of Empress:

In January 2026, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Dan Williams, ECA, initiated a viability review for the Village of Empress. As was shared in previous correspondence, Municipal Affairs is leading the development of a viability review report, in collaboration with the village and the Special Areas, that will be distributed to residents and property owners.

The viability review process examines the village's community, governance, administration, finances, infrastructure, and services, and the report will outline options for how the community can best move forward. The report will also identify how things may change if the village were to dissolve and become a hamlet in the Special Areas.

Municipal Affairs is committed to sharing information with the community and providing opportunities to hear from residents and property owners. As such, the ministry is hosting a mid-review public information session on December 9th, 2026.

This session will provide a brief overview of the viability review process for anyone who was unable to attend the initial public information session and will outline the current status of the process. The ministry will review some of the information collected from the community, as well as facilitate further discussion with residents and property owners.

Village of Empress Viability Review Mid-Review Public Information Session

Date:	Wednesday, December 9, 2026
Time:	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location:	Empress Community Hall 314 Centre Street, Empress, Alberta

Should you have questions, please contact Sharlene Brown, Municipal Viability Advisor, at sharlene.brown@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-422.0212.

Yours truly,

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