

Rudolf Liebenberg
Chief Administrative Officer
Summer Village of Sandy Beach

Dear Rudolf,

Beginning in 2017, Alberta Municipal Affairs began reporting on a new performance measure. This measure identifies the percentage of municipalities deemed to 'not face potential long term viability challenges based on their financial and governance indicators'. This performance measure was developed in consultation with stakeholders, and is used as a benchmark for measuring the ministry's efforts to ensure Albertans live in viable municipalities and communities with responsible, collaborative and accountable local governments.

The performance measure is based on analysis of 13 municipal indicators with each of the 13 municipal indicators having a defined benchmark. A municipality is 'not deemed to face potential long term viability challenges' as long as it does not flag a critical indicator or three or more non-critical indicators.

While your municipality was deemed not to face potential viability challenges this year, it did not meet the threshold for one or more benchmark indicators. The attached Excel file shows the indicators your municipality did not meet the defined benchmark for in the 2021 financial year.

The benchmarks established by Municipal Affairs for each indicator provide a general indication of acceptable risks. However, a municipality may have unique circumstances or alternative strategies that justify a different result. Therefore, we ask you to complete the attached Excel template to provide your feedback or any explanatory information about your performance on the identified indicator(s). Your responses will be included in the Municipal Indicator Dashboard but will not appear in the Municipal Indicator Results report, as your municipality flagged less than three non-critical indicators.

Municipal indicator results are available on the online Municipal Indicator Dashboard (<https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-indicators.aspx>). The 2021 Municipal Indicator Results report will be released on the open government portal in early 2023 (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/municipal-indicator-results>).

If you require assistance completing the feedback form, or need information about the future release of indicator results, please call, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, and ask to speak to a member of the Information Services Team or email ma.updates@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you,

Gary Sandberg
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments:
2021 Municipal Indicator Result Feedback Form (Excel file)
Municipal Indicator Explanation (PDF file)