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Mr. Ron Glen
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Dear Mr. Glen,

Thank you for your letter dated April 3, 2020. The COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly and many businesses and industries are feeling its effect. At the City of Edmonton we want you to know that we are all in this together and believe that our greatest strength is how we work together.

Our first and utmost priority is our people. Whether it be our staff, industry partners or citizens, being safe and staying healthy are at the top of our minds. Over the past several weeks, we have all worked tirelessly to continue to provide services and deliver programs safely and we want to continue to do so in this challenging environment.

We recognize that current market conditions may result in some projects experiencing schedule impacts. We are committed to working with our industry partners on a project-by-project basis to understand the impacts and address them in accordance with the applicable contracts. The City of Edmonton, in consultation with industry and City Council, will continue to prioritize our work and assist our contractors to continue operating construction sites wherever permissible and possible. Our procurement processes will proceed during this time, but, as noted in our earlier communications to industry partners, some submission timelines may be extended to accommodate bidders having to create their bids in a virtual working environment. For those firms bidding projects, we will also work with them to understand what reasonable assumptions can be made at the time of submission and how unforeseeable events post-submission might be addressed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with our contracts.

The City of Edmonton recognizes the situation is fluid. At this time, we will not be revising our contracts or procurement process requirements. Having said that, we will continue to monitor the situation and work together with our industry partners to keep our design and construction projects moving forward safely despite the challenging circumstances. If the City of Edmonton determines that contractual or procurement changes are necessary, we will communicate that information to our industry partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM', is positioned above the typed name.

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