



ALBERTA

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake*

*Public Health Act, RSA 2000 c. P-37*

### MINISTERIAL ORDER

014/2020

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS section 52.1(2) and (3) of the PHA authorize the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry (Minister), to make an order without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment the Minister is responsible for, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, and to specify or set out provisions that apply in addition to, or instead of any provision of an enactment, if the Minister is satisfied that doing so is in the public interest;

WHEREAS I am satisfied it is in the public interest, due to the state of public health emergency, to suspend the application or operation of parts of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* so that the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry can focus its resources on responding to public emergencies, providing essential services to the public, maintaining public safety and protecting communities from wildfire events;

THEREFORE I, Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry responsible for the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the *Public Health Act*, do hereby order that:

1. The limitation period in section 37.4(1) and in section 37.5(4) of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* are suspended from March 17, 2020 to June 15, 2020.
2. Any period of time within which any step must be taken in any proceeding or intended proceeding is suspended subject to the discretion of the court, tribunal, or other decision maker from March 17, 2020 to June 15, 2020.
3. For clarity, the limitation period or period of time resumes running on June 15, 2020 and the temporary suspension period shall not be counted.

This Order lapses, unless it is sooner continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, at the earliest of the following:

- (a) June 15, 2020;
- (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 15, 2020;
- (c) when this Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
- (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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Honourable Devin Dreeshen  
Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry