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Dear Mr. Mavani,

Thank you for seeking a response from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) regarding the Tracy Lyle Janvier – Public Fatality Inquiry recommendations. AEMA supports the recommendation to identify known gaps in cell tower coverage however, it is important to note that:

- The AEMA does not have the mandate or opportunities to address cellphone coverage within Alberta.
- Section 7(b) of the Emergency 911 Act gives the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services the authority to “establish Province-wide standards, guidelines and policies respecting 911 services, including processes and procedures, and infrastructure associated with 911 services.”
- Telecommunications regulation and oversight are the responsibility of the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for any vendor that creates networks that connect 9-1-1 calls to public service answering points.

Please find below the AEMA responses to your questions:

1. Whether the AEMA accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendation?

AEMA has a different response to Justice Cleary’s recommendation. AEMA supports the recommendation in principle; however, AEMA has no discernible mandate or opportunities to address this matter.

2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made;

AEMA does not accept Justice Cleary’s recommendation for the following reasons:

- Telecommunications regulation and oversight are the responsibility of the CRTC.
- The AEMA does not have the mandate or opportunity to address cellphone coverage within Alberta.

3. If the AEMA intends to accept the recommendation, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

- AEMA does not accept the recommendation, due to the reasons noted above.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact Eric Winterburn, Acting Director of Logistics Support @ 780-221-0134.

Sincerely, /

*Original Signed*

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