



ALBERTA

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

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

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

MINISTERIAL ORDER

016/2020

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 *Timber Management Regulation* and the *Timber Regulation* because the deferral of certain charges and the modification of certain fees support the continued economic viability of small operators in the forest industry;

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

1. Section 97.6 of the *Timber Management Regulation* is modified so that holding and protection charges for the year from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 are payable on or before November 1, 2020.
2. The fee prescribed in the *Timber Regulation*, Table 2, item 4 to issue or renew a timber licence or a commercial timber permit is modified to \$0.00 for the year from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021.
3. The modifications made by the Order survive the lapse or termination of this Order.

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 8 day of May, 2020.



Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry