

April 5, 2024

Honourable Dan Williams  
Minister of Mental Health and Addictions  
404 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6



Dear Minister Williams,

**RE: Introductory Letter from New ASCHA President, James Nibourg**

I know we have known each other for many years, I just wanted to introduce myself as the new President of the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association (ASCHA). I am joined by the ASCHA Executive - VPs Robin James, Nancy Simmonds, and Melodie Stol, our Board, and ASCHA administration who are working on solutions to address the growing complexities of mental health needs in community housing and seniors housing settings. It is important we maintain a strong relationship with your Ministry, working in interdisciplinary ways across key priority areas to support Albertans holistically. This will ensure they have the tools they need to maintain tenancies, have a good quality of life, and are served appropriately.

Serving as a Councillor for the County of Stettler and community leader, I know a balance must be struck between serving, policy decisions, governance, and internal advocacy. ASCHA truly appreciates your voice within Government to ensure much-needed supports for Albertans are available in our communities, in alignment with major legislative and systemic shifts that have been desperately needed for decades. We continue to work closely with Minister Nixon and Minister LaGrange on the transformations underway, and know your Ministry has an incredibly important role in the work ahead. This is a great opportunity to leverage some of our past work together to address some of the key priorities for our association and the Province.

You know I am open and balanced in my approach to tackling key issues. I'm always available for your team to reach out or for a chat, but I would like to set up a meeting to sit down with you, the Executive, and our Executive Director Irene Martin-Lindsay to start things off on the right foot. I feel this important as I take over the role of President during this critical period in the sector and want to see how we can best work together. Please reach out to Irene and her team at [irene@ascha.com](mailto:irene@ascha.com) or at 780.439.6473 to find a time that would work best for everyone's schedule.

We have good work to do, and I'm excited to do it together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Nibourg', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

James Nibourg, ASCHA President

CC: Melodie Stol, Vice-President, Central Region; Nancy Simmonds, Vice-President North;  
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