

Hubert Taube,

June 27, 2023

Honourable Rebecca Schulz,  
Minister, Environment and Protected Areas  
204 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Ave, Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6

Honourable Todd Loewen,  
Minister, Forestry and Parks  
323 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Ave, Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6

**Re: Congratulations on your Appointment to the Cabinet, June 9, 2023;  
Introduction of Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association (SAPAA)**

Dear Ministers Schulz and Loewen:


On behalf of the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas (SAPAA), I am writing to congratulate you on your recent appointment to the Cabinet. In addition to this, I wanted to take a moment to let you know who we are, how SAPAA has been supporting Protected Areas for 20-plus years and offer a note of thanks to your staff.

SAPAA was established in 2001 as an arms-length organization to represent the volunteer Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas. As you are probably aware, the Government of Alberta initiated the Stewardship Program more than three decades ago by using volunteers to monitor designated sites. Since then hundreds of Albertans have volunteered their time to visit and report on these sites. Last year, SAPAA was an active participant in contributing to the Miistakis Institute's report on the renewal of the Government's Stewardship Program and we look forward to its imminent release.

Most recently, SAPAA has been updating its website (<https://sapaastewards.com>) which showcases the amazing Protected Area resources available to Albertans who are interested in the documentation and projects related to biodiversity programs in our Province. In the fall of 2023, our board would be keen to update you on the website, how SAPAA can support your Ministry's objectives and ensure Alberta's environment treasures are available for future generations.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment to the Cabinet. We are looking forward to working with you on matters of mutual interest. Finally, a note of thanks to your staff who have been excellent and supportive of SAPAA.

Sincerely,



Hubert Taube,  
President, Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association

cc. Rob Simieritsch, Executive Director, Lands Delivery and Coordination South Branch  
Alexandra Miller-Tait, Director, Recreation, Ecosystem and Land Management  
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