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**Message from Honourable Leela Sharon Aheer
Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women**

Stretching back along the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River, the Victoria District National Historic Site captures the spirit of Alberta's settlement, mission, trade, and agricultural heritage.

Rich in history from First Nations, Métis, and Ukrainian-Canadians, the district has become a cornerstone of cultural and economic prosperity within Smoky Lake County. It is full of amazing Alberta stories and is home to several of our treasured Provincial Historic Resources, including buildings at Victoria Settlement Historic Site and the Macdonald Stopping House. The area offers opportunities for people to connect with our past, and facilitates greater intercultural understanding and awareness.

Congratulations to Smoky Lake County for embarking on an Economic Development Strategy for the Victoria District. I applaud the work embodied within this strategy and I look forward to witnessing the results.

Leela Sharon Aheer
Minister