



## Office of Mayor Young



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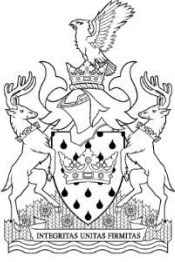
Dear Premier Kenny, Minister Sawhney and MLA Rutherford:

Subject: Letter of Support for Michener Centre and Rosecrest Home Program

On August 17, 2020, our Council received a delegation regarding cutbacks to the dental services of Marwayne Dental Clinic for the residents of Michener Centre. As you are aware, Michener Centre is home to 120 adults, many of whom have lived there for most of their lives, all having a degree of severe to profound physical and developmental disabilities.

Further, through this delegation, we learned the government is exploring “alternative service delivery” models for Rosecrest Home. The Rosecrest program provides individualized, around-the-clock care for children who are medically fragile and suffer from profound physical disabilities.

These children and adults are among the most vulnerable in our society, they and their families deserve our support and the peace of mind that the services and care they depend upon will not be considered for “service delivery” reductions. They are fragile individuals and anything affecting their environment, changes to their routines or in their caregivers can be catastrophic as they do not have the capacity to adapt.



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The alternate service delivery that is being considered for Rosecrest and the closing of Marwayne Dental Clinic in Red Deer are not something our Council supports.

Premier Lougheed and Premier Prentis left a legacy for the profoundly disabled in our province. They indicated that the strength of Alberta's society relates directly to how we care for those most profoundly disabled, who cannot speak for themselves.

The current service models at Rosecrest Home and Michener Centre must continue. The care they provide is conducted by thoughtful, trusted and qualified staffing teams, residents are treated with dignity and an extremely high degree of personal care. They are not considered institutionalized; they are considered family by the staff with whom they share a bond.

We ask the Government to reduce costs on services that do not affect those who depend on us to keep them safe and healthy. Our Council supports the continuation of these services and the reinstatement of Marwayne Dental Clinic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'R. Young'.

Mayor Bob Young  
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