



ALBERTA
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Office of the Minister

October 12, 2018

Dear Self-Advocates, Families and Guardians, Workers and Agencies:

The community-led panel I appointed to lead the PDD Review has been hard at work and has set dates for public engagement starting this month.

I am pleased to tell you the panel's first public community conversation is on **October 23rd in St. Paul.**

The community conversations are like open houses. Participants can attend at any time and stay as long as they like, and rotate through discussion stations at their own pace. There will be specific times for self-advocates, families, workers and agencies to participate. There will also be times open to the general public. You can attend whichever you choose.

The first sessions will be held in St. Paul at the Hampton Inn by Hilton (4902 39 Street, St Paul, Alberta) at the following times:

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| October 23, 2018 | 10:00AM to 12:00PM | St. Paul | Individuals receiving PDD Services / Family / Caregivers |
| October 23, 2018 | 2:00PM to 4:00PM | St. Paul | Community Disability Workers, Service Provider Organizations |
| October 23, 2018 | 6:30PM to 8:00PM | St. Paul | Open to Public |
| October 24, 2018 | 1:00PM to 3:00PM | St. Paul | Open to Public |

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While details for venues and times for other sessions still need to be finalized, I want to share the schedule for the community conversations so you can plan when and where you would like to participate:

- Grande Prairie, October 30-31
- Fort McMurray, November 6-7
- Red Deer, November 14-15
- Lethbridge, November 20-21
- Medicine Hat, November 22
- Calgary, November 27-28
- Edmonton, December 4-5

Information about the exact locations and times of the sessions, and other opportunities to participate in the review, will be available soon at alberta.ca/PDDreview. Please continue to check this webpage over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your interest in this review. I encourage you to attend a community conversation and share your ideas and suggestions about how we can improve the PDD program and make life better for persons with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irfan Sabir', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Irfan Sabir
Minister