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**TOWN OF GRANUM**

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**To:** Taxpayers of the Town of Granum

**From:** Council of the Town of Granum

The past and current Town Councils have been negotiating with the Alberta Treasury Branch on the purchase of the Treasury Branch building for the purposes of a Town Hall. This would **NOT** eliminate the Treasury Branch. A purchase price of \$235,000.00 has been negotiated along with a rental fee that would be paid by ATB to the Town. ATB would pay their costs for their portion of renovation costs. This agreement would include five lots, including those vacant lands to the south of the ATB building.

Tax revenue would be lost, however, the Town would generate more income in the rental fee. The purchase would be utilized from the operating reserve and rental fees put back into reserve. There would be a renovation to add walls and doors for a Council Chamber. This would give the Town an updated, accessible building for the public, reduced utility costs, a large storage vault and additional land they could develop or sell. Should Granum dissolve and be governed under the MD, both the ATB building or the money in the bank would be an asset to the MD.

The current Town Hall is under repair. Until this is complete and approved by OHS the council chambers cannot be used for meetings. This still does not bring the building up to code, nor is it accessible to all public, and does not encompass all needed repairs. For further renovations there would have to be an alternate location set up for the Town Office. There is currently a Human Rights Complaint against the Town for not having an accessible building to conduct Town affairs by its citizens.

ATB would like a decision on this immediately to meet their budget requirements.

Council is asking for public input in this decision. **Please sign the bottom of this sheet, print your name, address and phone number. Indicate if you are for or against the purchase of the ATB Building for a Town Office in connection with the ATB business. Please return to the Town office by January 21, 2019.**

Council must make a decision and this is your opportunity to participate. *(This survey does not mandate council to make a decision based on those for or against. The survey is for information purposes only)*

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**For:** The Purchase of the ATB Building for a Town Hall \_\_\_\_\_

**Against:** The Purchase of the ATB Building for a Town Hall \_\_\_\_\_

(Any response not complete with **ALL** the above information will not be considered by Council)