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May 10, 2016

Mayor George Bridge Mayor Town of Minto 5941 Highway 89 Harriston ON N0G 1Z0

Dear Mayor Bridge:

I am pleased to inform you of the release of proposed revisions to the four plans that have been part of the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review:

- Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Greenbelt Plan
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and
- Niagara Escarpment Plan.

We are now seeking input on these proposed revised plans.

The four proposed revised plans, a guide to the proposed changes to the plans -- Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, as well as information on public open houses and ways to provide input are available at Ontario.ca/landuseplanningreview. A copy of the guide is enclosed.



As you are aware, in 2015 the Government of Ontario initiated a co-ordinated review of these four plans. The plans work together to manage growth, curb sprawl, protect our agricultural lands and natural environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support economic development in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe and Greenbelt.

The Co-ordinated Review has been led by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. We received extensive feedback during the 2015 public consultations. The review was supported by an Advisory Panel that was charged with developing recommendations for improving the plans based on feedback heard during the consultation sessions. The Panel has completed its work and their recommendations were made publicly available on December 7, 2015.

The Government of Ontario reviewed and considered all feedback received from stakeholders, municipalities, the public and Indigenous communities, as well as the Advisory Panel's recommendations. This feedback informed the development of the proposed revisions to the plans.

The deadline to provide input on the four proposed revised plans is September 30, 2016.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who participated in the Co-ordinated Review so far. We look forward to receiving further input on how to fine-tune the proposed plans to better protect our environment, create complete communities, build a strong economy and promote a healthy region that offers a high quality of life not only for ourselves but also for future generations.

Your continued engagement will help shape the future of the plans and of our region.

Best regards,

Ted McMeekin,

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sincerely,

Bill Mauro,

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Enclosure: Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe