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**Subject:** Message from Minister Mauro - RE: Proposed Building Code - Septic System Pump Out Requirement

This email is being sent to all Heads of Council. A hard copy will follow.

Dear Heads of Council:

I am writing today to inform you that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will not be moving forward with the proposals requiring regular inspections, pumping out of septic tanks and keeping of the septic tanks and treatment units' maintenance records put forth in Phase One of the Building Code consultation.

The consultation process provided municipalities, industry, subject matter experts and members of the public with an opportunity to offer their input and views on the proposed changes. The Ministry welcomed the feedback and I was pleased with the frank responses with respect to septic systems.

I have always felt that there are sufficient protections in place to mitigate against septic system failures. Since 1997, there has been a requirement for owners of septic tanks and treatment units to clean out their systems when the working capacity is one-third full. This will continue to be in effect.

I value the input of our municipal partners. I've heard from many of you on this issue and I thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Bill Mauro  
Minister