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Mr. Bill White  
Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk  
Town of Minto  
5941 Highway #89  
Hariston ON N0G 1Z0

Dear Mr. White:

Mr. Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington, has forwarded to me a copy of the Town of Minto Council's motion opposing proposed changes to the 2012 Ontario Building Code, which would have implemented a five-year mandatory pump out of septic tanks.

I am informing 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 of sludge and scum. This will continue to be in effect.

I've heard from many of you on this issue and your comments on this proposal are very helpful, and I thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Mauro".

Bill Mauro  
Minister

c. Mr. Randy Pettapiece, MPP  
Perth - Wellington