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His Worship Stephen Molnar

Mayor

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Dear Mayor Molnar:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and your delegation during the 2019 OGRA Conference.

I value the richness of our rural communities and how they add to the fabric of our great province. It was very helpful to hear about what matters to your community, so I thank you for providing an update on all the great things going on in Tillsonburg and the county area.

As you know, our government has committed to reducing costly and burdensome regulations that are impacting businesses across the province. We are acting to remove obstacles to investment, growth and job creation in over a dozen sectors — including manufacturing, construction, the auto sector, agriculture and food processing. We appreciate your support as we continue this important work.

With regard to our government's plans for Regional Government Review, we understand all Ontarians deserve municipalities that are working effectively, efficiently, and continue to provide the vital services that communities depend on. That is why the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, appointed Michael Fenn and Ken Seiling as special advisors to consult broadly over the coming months. They will provide recommendations to improve governance, decision-making and service delivery in Ontario's eight regional municipalities and Simcoe County. Further information and updates about the Regional Government Review can be found online through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website.

Again, thank you for meeting with me.

Ernie Hardeman

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