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RE: Association of Ontario Municipalities Report

I attended the 2024 Association of Ontario Municipalities Conference and participated in delegations and several workshops and sessions as listed below. Town priorities were discussed and I was updated on several topics related to municipalities as follows.

August 18

- August 18 4:30 p.m. Municipal Affairs and Housing Delegation
Hon. Minister Paul Calandra
ASKS: Establish a Provincial Technical Working Group made up of provincial and municipal officials, to explore and collaborate on different policy and regulatory solutions.
Strengthen municipal enforcement powers to combat illegal land use through amendments to the Planning Act and Municipal Act that:
 - Enable physically barring entry to properties
 - Increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals (to \$50,000) and corporations (up to \$100,000 + \$50,000 for each day continued)
 - Grant municipalities the ability to include all charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions, court-imposed fines on the title of a propertyOutcome: Demonstrated Town action and advocacy on a prominent issue that communities have continuously raised concerns about.
- Ottawa Tourism Presentation
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August 19

- Ontario Medical Association Delegation
ASKS: For the OMA to hear about Caledon's local challenges in physician recruitment and retention.
Outcome: It presented the opportunity to relay concerns from Caledon residents and stakeholders and feed into OMA's advocacy work to address physician shortages in communities across Ontario.
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Energy & Electrification
Hon. Minister Stephen Lecce
This meeting was with Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce to share local challenges meeting the electrical capacity demands for new development and discuss opportunities for government interventions that promote local innovation and increase consumer access to low carbon energy utilities.
ASKS: Ensure Caledon has sufficient clean electricity supply to power new residential and employment growth and to meet our decarbonization goals.
 - Ensure Independent Electricity System Operator and Hydro One plan for appropriate capacity to support the Town's growth and GHG emissions targets.
 - Enhance opportunities for municipal participation in the clean energy economy.Outcome: Demonstrated transparency and accountability to the advancement of the Town's environmental targets, such as the Resilient Caledon Community Climate Change Action Plan, and action on power issues reported by constituents.
- Seniors & Accessibility Delegation
Hon. Minister Raymond Cho
This meeting was to relay to Minister Cho some of the local challenges planning for a growing and aging population and discuss opportunities for further collaboration to advance mutual objectives to support independent and active living.
ASKS: Enhance provincial support for age-friendly communities by considering:
 - Expanding home modification and accessibility grants to account for the growing number of older adults aging in place.
 - Making existing funding programs longer-term to allow for more sustainable funding.
 - Prioritizing initiatives that support preventative health and aging in place.Outcome: Demonstrated action to advance the objectives of the Age-Friendly Caledon Action Plan and support Caledon's aging population.

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- **Attorney General Doug Downey Delegation**
 Hon. Doug Downey
 The purpose of this meeting was to highlight the impact that Caledon's growing population pressure is having on access to justice; and seek collaboration to remedy the local issue while helping accelerate provincial efforts to address the court backlog.
 ASKS: Direct ministry staff to collaborate with the Town of Caledon on court facility planning,
 POA Justice of the Peace allocations, and modernization opportunities.
 Outcome: Demonstrated proactive planning and intergovernmental collaboration to account for a growing and changing population across service areas.
- **Ministry of Natural Resources Delegation**
 Hon. Minister Graydon Smith
 ASKS: Take action to mitigate the impact of aggregate operations on communities and environment:

 - Mandate increased minimum setbacks and buffers from communities and other sensitive land uses.
 - Amend the Aggregate Resources Act to support rehabilitation and better address road degradation.
 - Adopt the World Health Organization Global Air Quality Guidelines for Particulate Matter as a standard for evaluation for monitoring air quality for aggregate operations.
 - Appoint additional Provincial Offences Officers to inspect more thoroughly and enforce the Aggregate Resources Act.

Outcome: Demonstrated municipal action on community concerns of aggregate operations, in areas that fall outside of municipal jurisdiction.

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- **Transportation Delegation**
 Hon. Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria
 ASKS: Advance the Caledon-Vaughan GO line to be in service before 2041.

 - Include the Caledon GO line in the upcoming Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update with an in-service date before 2041 (expected by end of 2024).
 - Work with the Town to establish and include a second GO station in Caledon at Highway 50/South Bolton.

Outcome: Demonstrated proactive transit planning for Caledon's projected population growth and the Town's commitment to preventing traffic congestion, growing the local economy, and protecting the environment.

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ASKS: Improve traffic safety along Highway 10 as part of MTO's Operational Performance

Review study and add further safety measures to the draft report study, including:

- Additional right turn lanes on Hwy 10
- Active warning signs
- Illumination improvements
- Piloting a red-light camera at Olde Base Line Road

Outcome: Demonstrated action on safety concerns along Highway 10.

- Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Small Business
Hon. Associate Minister Nina Tangri

ASKS: Provide tangible support for small businesses in Caledon to grow and innovate, including:

- Partnering with the Town of Caledon to provide access to Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) services in the community.
- Prioritizing small business grants that support innovation, training, and digital adoption, particularly for equity-seeking groups

Outcome: Demonstrated accountability and action on advancing the Town of Caledon's 2020-2030 Economic Development Strategy.

- Hydro One Delegation

This meeting is to discuss with Hydro One plans to account for Caledon's growing capacity needs; solutions to prevent and address power outages; and opportunities for closer collaboration with the Town.

ASKS:

- Collaborate with the Town in expanding renewable energy systems in the community for large developments and in its own facilities.
- Consider attending a community Town-hall session for residents to discuss their concerns around power outages affecting their neighbourhoods.
- Continue to dedicate resources to plan for climate change, particularly the increasing demand for electricity to power buildings and transportation, and to ensuring resiliency in the grid and renewable energy resources.

Outcome: Demonstrated Town efforts to work with Hydro One to address concerns from businesses regarding the need for clear and transparent servicing timelines, as well as power outage concerns raised by residents.

Sincerely,

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