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Dear Head of Council,

As you know, on September 24, 2019, my ministry launched a public consultation on potential changes to the delivery of building code services and released a discussion paper: *Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services*.

The building sector is a \$38 billion industry and key driver of Ontario's economy. It is essential that the people working in this sector have the support they need to keep Ontario's economy growing. Historically, the ministry has delivered a suite of building code services, however, over time the delivery of these services has not kept pace with the needs of the sector, making this model unsustainable. For years, building sector stakeholders have been asking for better, more modern and timely services and resources to support their ability to enforce the technical and complex building code requirements. We need to make sure that building sector and municipalities have the support they need to ensure Ontario's economy continues to grow, while protecting public health and safety.

To support this key sector, the ministry is consulting on the creation of a proposed new administrative authority to deliver a suite of enhanced and new user-driven services. The proposed administrative authority would support a more modern and responsive service delivery by having the ability to quickly scale and deliver services more nimbly, provide resources to enable a more consistent approach to building code interpretation and application, and deliver streamlined services across Ontario.

Details on how the proposed administrative authority would be funded will be guided by further consultation with municipalities and other building stakeholders. Our objective is to have the enhanced and new services provided by the administrative authority be paid for through a combination of user fees and regulatory charges associated with service delivery in the new model. No new tax is proposed.

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Transforming and modernizing the delivery of Ontario's building code services will take time and we are just beginning the conversation. I look forward to your continued engagement in this important transformation initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister