



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

JUNE 19, 2020

1. **C-153-2020**
Correspondence received June 10, 2020 from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) respecting Township employee, Sarah Ivins, receiving the AMCTO Award for Excellence in Municipal Human Resources.
2. **C-154-2020**
Correspondence dated June 11, 2020 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent respecting recommendations for the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents in Ontario Long-term Care and Retirement Homes.
3. **C-155-2020**
Correspondence dated June 11, 2020 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supporting the Ontario government's Commission on Long-term Care and requesting an impartial review of private and publicly operated homes.
4. **C-156-2020**
Correspondence dated June 12, 2020 from the Town of Bracebridge supporting the establishment of a Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. **C-157-2020**
Correspondence dated June 12, 2020 from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting changes to the Planning Act regarding planning timelines during a declared emergency.
6. **C-158-2020**
Correspondence dated June 16, 2020 from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting proposed changes to "A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe".



May 20, 2020

Warden Kevin Gibson
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Re: Sarah J. Ivins- Winner of AMCTO's Award for Excellence in Municipal Human Resources.

Dear Warden Gibson

On behalf of AMCTO, I am extremely pleased to announce that **Sarah J. Ivins** has achieved the highest cumulative grade for this past year upon completing the Municipal Human Resources Program, and as a result, is this year's recipient of AMCTO's **Award for Excellence in Municipal Human Resources**. We believe that this is a tremendous accomplishment and should be observed with pride by your municipality.

AMCTO is the largest municipal professional association in Ontario, and a leading provider of education and accreditation for local government professionals. AMCTO believes that excellence is an ongoing journey, not a destination. We therefore, support and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and other municipal professionals as they undertake their journey of professional excellence.

This year, due to the current COVID-19 situation, we are unfortunately unable to present this Award directly to the individual as we would normally do. Therefore we hope that you, and your colleagues on Council, will publicly recognize **Sarah J. Ivins** for this significant achievement.

Our sincere congratulation on your support for your staff's continued professional development. We believe it is the best investment that a municipal corporation can make.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sauriol", written in a cursive style.

Dean Sauriol CMO, AOMC, Dipl.M.M.
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June 11, 2020

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Minister Fullerton:

At its meeting of June 1, 2020, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council received a letter from eleven organizations serving Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes in Ontario. The letter spoke to the importance of psychosocial and emotional well-being of all Long-Term Care (LTC) and Retirement Home (RH) residents. Council agreed there was significant evidence presented within the letter to warrant supporting the call to action and to encourage the government to review and act on the recommendations provided.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a variety of challenges to the LTC and RH sectors, as well as the congregate care sector. Many of these challenges involve protecting the physical health of this extremely vulnerable population. Increased infection control requirements, eliminating non-essential visitors, active screening protocols, and restrictions on the movement of LTC and RH staff working between different homes, are a few examples of the measures taken and backed financially by the provincial government. In Chatham-Kent, early and rigorous adoption of these measures has kept COVID-19 out of our LTC and RH facilities. While this is a commendable achievement, it is important to examine the social costs to residents of such an undertaking.

People living in LTC and RHs depend completely on interactions with staff, visitors, volunteers, and other residents to fulfill their social and emotional needs. Losing any one of these groups impacts residents in ways that are difficult to measure quantitatively but qualitatively we see it in our residents' eyes each day as we strive to provide the best care possible for them. The exclusion of non-essential visitors has left a tangible hole in the lives of residents. In Chatham-Kent's municipally-run LTC home, Riverview Gardens (RVG), this order saw the exclusion of 500-600 additional visitors, volunteers, and contract support staff per week. They were cherished, familiar faces; their visits much-anticipated by residents and appreciated by staff.

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Visitors and volunteers provide more than just visiting, they help in the daily care of our residents. Conversations with other LTC and RHs throughout Chatham-Kent show the same losses and the same impacts on residents and staff. Additional stressors directly related to the pandemic have added to the staffing crisis in LTC and RHs. Supporting a strategy for homes to hire additional staff specifically trained to support the psychosocial and emotional needs of residents would alleviate some of the stress on nursing staff and may lead to better outcomes for residents.

Chatham-Kent has always been a community that comes together and rises to the challenges before us. COVID-19 and the impact this has had on our local LTC and RH sectors is no exception. Through our local United Way, volunteers are finalizing an Adopt a Grandparent program similar to pen pals of years past. This program will link teenagers and young adults with one of our LTC and/or RH residents. Young and old, both with different needs, sharing thoughts and ideas and supporting one another through the pandemic. At Riverview Gardens we have created a Resident Support Worker (RSW) position that provides emotional and social support to our residents. RSWs work on the same floor with the same residents each day where they assist residents with feeding, games, crafts, companionship, and outdoor time when the weather cooperates. RSWs also help provide such services as assisting with laundry, as well as sorting, folding, and organizing a resident's personal items. Currently, redeployed municipal staff are fulfilling these roles at RVG but as Ontario moves further with reopening, these staff will be needed back at their home base location and residents in our home will once again be faced with spending much of their day alone. The homes in Chatham-Kent are providing great care to our residents but they can only do so much. This is why the recommendations from the Long-Term Care and Retirement Home sectors are so important.

Chatham-Kent Municipal Council believes people need human interaction. It is what makes the difference between simply being alive, and living. It is time to act, and protect the psychosocial and emotional health of our LTC and RH residents. We support whole-heartedly, the recommendations presented to you from our LTC and RH partners (attached).

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Attachment: Letter from Alzheimer Society et al RE: Psychosocial and Emotional Well-being of LTC Residents

- C Hon. Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Hon Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
- Helen Angus, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
- Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
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May 8, 2020

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott and Minister Fullerton,

On behalf of almost 80,000 residents, their families and staff in Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes, we are writing this letter to urgently request that the provincial government take immediate action to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents. COVID-19 has changed every aspect of the lived experience in LTC. Despite fervent efforts and commitment from LTC team members to protect residents from the negative physical outcomes of COVID-19, the psychosocial and emotional impacts remain ignored and under-resourced.

According to a recently released study by Mental Health Research Canada, the number of Canadians expressing high-to-extreme levels of anxiety has quadrupled since the start of the COVID-19 crisis. "Mental Health in Crisis: How COVID-19 is Impacting Canadians." *Mental Health Research Canada*, www.mhrc.ca/our-research/. If that is the reality of people living in the general population, what is happening to the mental health of LTC residents, many of whom are already living with compromised cognitive ability and living in isolation? 'There is no health without mental health' - Minister Elliott.

Thousands of residents are living cohorted and/or isolated lives away from their personal belongings and away from the important people in their lives. Many residents are eating alone, experiencing virtually no human connection aside from 2-3 brief encounters with LTC team members for personal care/meal delivery each day and 1-2 virtual visits with a family member each week, if such a program exists in their home. Team member shortages further exacerbate the sense of isolation, we have heard from residents that there is little to no program or activity to nurture social engagement opportunities during these times.

Pre-COVID-19, the realities of pervasive isolation, depression and loneliness are coined as the 'three plagues' of life in LTC (Dr. Bill Thomas, founder of The Eden Alternative). While person-centered practices combat these plagues, the current reality of LTC living will lead to residents left with broken spirits and the corresponding negative outcomes associated with their psychosocial, emotional health.

People need people. We are writing this letter now to ask that immediate attention and allocated resources be applied to LTC homes to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents. The government of Alberta, in recognizing the importance of 'quality of life' for residents, has released substantive directives that clearly define essential visitors as those who contribute to the quality of life of residents in addition to provision of needed physical care. I urge you to follow suit, so that residents can experience the psychosocial and emotional support that has been missing for 7 weeks thus far.

Imagine the new reality when a group of team members (comprised of 'essential visitors' and/or dedicated staff) is incorporated into **every LTC home** to exclusively provide avenues/programs/opportunities for psychosocial and emotional support. Residents will experience **multiple** weekly virtual visits using iPads, tablets or cell phones with friends and family members, and even amongst themselves, providing peer to peer support. Residents will enjoy safe outdoor visits during the warm weather now upon us. Imagine residents being supported in a virtual resident activity, meal or conversation between other residents. Residents will feel engaged and connected to each other once again, to their families, to their environment and to their community. They will be well protected from the negative outcome of prolonged isolation.


This is what is needed:

- Declare psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents as essential to their quality of life
- Expand the definition of 'essential visitors' to include people who contribute to the quality of life including psychosocial and emotional health
- Resources for homes to hire and train additional team members/staff whose primary role is to support psychosocial and emotional health via facilitating virtual and safe physical visiting
- Resources for homes to purchase technology and infrastructure required to support virtual visits amongst residents and families
- Creation of a safe plan for residents to enjoy social engagement outdoors in the coming weeks (physical distancing, wearing of masks, etc.), complete with human resources and supplies to make this a reality


We must act now. COVID-19 requires physical distancing, but in order to uphold resident's quality of life and wellbeing we must enable and support social connection.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, as we work together to provide the best care for LTC residents who are the most vulnerable group of Ontarians during this COVID-19 crisis.

Sincerely,



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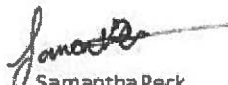
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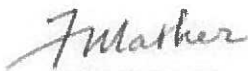
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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Minister Fullerton:

At its meeting of June 1, 2020, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council unanimously supported a request from Councillor Clare Latimer to submit a letter to the Premier, Minister of Health, and Minister of Long-Term Care (LTC) regarding current and long-standing issues being faced by the LTC sector and to support the government's Commission on Long-Term Care.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the human resources crisis that LTC has faced for a number of years. It has also brought homes and the residents who place trust in the system they will be well cared for into the limelight, when all along the number one priority of all levels of government and oversight should be the health, safety, and well-being of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The LTC and Retirement Home (RH) sectors are chronically understaffed; losing the extra hands of visitors and volunteers during the pandemic, while necessary, has created an additional burden. Homes in Ontario are experiencing increasing difficulty recruiting and retaining Personal Support Workers (PSW), Registered Practical Nurses (RPN) and Registered Nurses (RN), creating long delays in the ability to fill vacant positions. Before the pandemic, many homes were indicating they no longer have a 'pool' of PSWs ready and available to fill vacant shifts. Homes are seeing more PSWs experiencing stress-related illnesses, mental and physical exhaustion, and an increase in work-related injuries. In addition to an already limited available workforce, hospitals are now hiring PSWs to fill support roles, and many RNs or RPNs accept positions in LTC only to resign when an acute care or community health position becomes available. Additional stressors directly related to the pandemic have certainly added to the staffing crisis. The provision of pandemic pay to front-line staff has helped, and while it would be a welcomed addition to the funding envelope moving forward, wage increases alone will not solve the chronic lack of people choosing long-term care as a career.

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Staffing ratios have been discussed for several years and there has been lobbying from many avenues to increase the number of direct nursing care hours for residents up to four hours of care per day in order to safely meet the complex needs of the current long-term care population. Without an influx of provincial dollars, coupled with a provincial LTC human resources strategy, homes will not be able to increase direct patient care hours; there simply are not enough human resources to go around. This is difficult for staff in long-term care and retirement homes. They are a determined, passionate bunch who want nothing more than to provide quality care to their residents who call their facilities home.

As a Municipal Council, we have watched the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on LTC and RHs across our province. Our municipality has not had any COVID-19 outbreaks in homes in Chatham-Kent; however, we are certainly aware of the ongoing risk and continue to do everything we can to ensure our residents and staff are safe and they have the tools and resources to manage during such a difficult time. As a Council, we support the government's LTC Commission and ask that it remain non-partisan, and be independent of owners and operators including ourselves as the owner and operator of Chatham-Kent's largest LTC home. While we are supportive of the Commission, we are asking for an impartial review of current best practices in both private and publicly operated homes. We are also requesting that the Commission be tasked with recommending best practice standards of care, and accountability protocols regarding documentation, peer reviews, and resident/family reviews.

We appreciate the work involved in any type of large-scale review with the hope the Commission is able to review the current impact of the pandemic and merge these findings with what the sector has known and has been advocating for over the last several years including staffing, governance models, physical structures of homes, and LTC regulations. A comprehensive look at past, current, and future insights will move the sector towards action and real change.

Sincerely,



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June 12, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister Clark,

RE: Town of Bracebridge Resolution regarding the establishment of a Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

At its meeting of June 4, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 20-TC-089, regarding the Town of Bracebridge support for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recommendations contained in their report titled "Protecting Vital Municipal Services", as follows:

"WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) issued a report titled "[Protecting Vital Municipal Services](#)" on April 23, 2020 which included recommendations to the federal government to provide financial assistance for municipalities across the country;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) recognizes that a collaborative federal-provincial effort is required to provide much needed financial assistance to municipalities and their May 14, 2020 letter (attached) to the Prime Minister and the Premier urges Canada and Ontario to extend their successful collaboration through financial support for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge supports the FCM recommendation and requests that both the Federal and Provincial Governments establish a municipal financial assistance program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Bracebridge supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in lobbying the Provincial Government for financial assistance to support Municipalities in offsetting the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Member of Parliament (MP) and local Member of the Ontario Legislature (MPP), FCM, AMO and its member municipalities, and the Muskoka municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the associated memorandum for your reference.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

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Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Copy: Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
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234-2020-2382

June 12, 2020

Dear Heads of Council / Clerks and CAOs:

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of this deadly virus, and we thank you for your support in our efforts.

We appreciate that the current situation for municipalities is not “business as usual”, and that all municipalities have had to make adjustments to adapt to new priorities and shifting ways of doing business.

When municipalities requested our help, we listened and acted quickly to legislate [changes to the Planning Act and make the necessary regulation to suspend decision-making timelines](#). These changes balanced the need to suspend the timelines that would allow a municipality to refocus time and resources on the COVID-19 outbreak, while allowing councils to continue to make decisions on planning matters as municipal capacity evolved.

As we move forward with our gradual approach that will allow Ontario to emerge from the COVID-19 outbreak, we know that getting shovels in the ground is key to moving forward on the path to economic recovery together. Many municipalities may be well on their way to a more normalized planning review process, and we want to ensure that the land use planning system is in step with a municipality’s expanding capacity during this time. As a result, we intend to end the temporary suspension of the Planning Act timelines as of June 22nd, 2020.

We understand that the safety of your constituents must remain a priority, and that there are certain provincial restrictions in place regarding public gatherings. Therefore, we encourage you to continue to use electronic and virtual channels, as appropriate, to engage and provide the public with an opportunity to make representations on planning matters, while following the advice of Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health.

It is vital for our economic recovery from this outbreak that we work together to help move the planning approvals process forward. We need to continue the important job of creating housing and keeping infrastructure projects moving while also ensuring we maintain public health. Development has always played a key role in supporting growth in our communities, and it will play an especially important role on our road to economic recovery from COVID-19.

Let me assure you that our government is working to support you, our municipal partners, and will continue to work collaboratively to keep all Ontarians safe.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario

From: Minister Steve Clark [<mailto:mah@ontario.ca>]

Sent: June 16, 2020 9:48 AM

To: Kevin Gibson

Subject: Letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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234-2020-1287

June 16, 2020

Mayor Kevin Gibson
Township of Wainfleet

Mayor Gibson:

In 2019, our government introduced *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* ('the Plan', '*A Place to Grow*') as part of the **More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan**. Today, I am writing to notify you of proposed changes to the Plan including updates and policy changes to the population and employment forecasts, a change to the Plan horizon year, a new Land Needs Assessment methodology, adjustments to the aggregates policy framework, new policies to address Major Transit Station Areas within Provincially Significant Employment Zones (PSEZs), and other policy revisions that support our government's objectives to increase housing supply, create more jobs, attract business investments and better align infrastructure. We are asking for your input on these proposed amendments to the Plan.

I realize the proposed changes come at a time of uncertainty when many municipalities are managing urgent matters related to our shared work to protect the health and well-being of

our residents across Ontario. The Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) will be critical to economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. The GGH is a key economic driver of both the province and the nation, with more than 85 per cent of the province's population growth expected in this region by 2051. In fact, we are anticipating that by 2051 this region will grow to nearly 15 million people and accommodate seven million jobs. In order to support municipalities in preparing for this anticipated growth so that you can complete your municipal comprehensive review and official plan revisions, my ministry is proposing these targeted revisions to *A Place to Grow* to make it faster and easier for municipalities in the region to plan for growth.

Details of the proposed changes are as follows:

- [Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe: 019-1680](#)
- [Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology for A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe: 019-1679](#)
- [Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe on Ontario's Regulatory Registry: 20-MMAH006](#)

The proposed changes would work together to provide more flexibility and foresight to municipalities into demographic, employment, market demand, and housing affordability trends in the GGH. The consultation period will close on July 31, 2020. We look forward to receiving any comments you may have.

The next phase of work on PSEZs, which will begin shortly, will examine how they can support post-COVID economic recovery to support the retention and expansion of existing industrial and manufacturing operations and attract investment. The government continues to view PSEZs as an important tool and looks forward to engaging with businesses, municipalities, Indigenous communities and organizations, and the development industry to maximize opportunities within a PSEZ.

Should you or your staff have any questions about *A Place to Grow* or the proposed changes, please contact the Ontario Growth Secretariat at growthplanning@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to strengthening the quality of life and the economic growth of your community and the province of Ontario.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Sarah Ivins
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Amber Dashwood
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Le 16 juin 2020

Mayor Kevin Gibson :

En 2019, notre gouvernement a publié *En plein essor : Plan de croissance de la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe* (« le Plan », « *En plein essor* ») dans le cadre de l'initiative **Plus d'habitations, plus de choix : Plan d'action pour l'offre de logements de l'Ontario**. Aujourd'hui, je vous écris pour vous informer des changements que nous proposons d'apporter au Plan, qui incluent des modifications aux politiques et une mise à jour des prévisions sur le plan démographique et de l'emploi, une modification à l'horizon du Plan, une nouvelle méthode d'évaluation des besoins en terrains, des ajustements au cadre stratégique sur les agrégats, l'adoption de nouvelles politiques concernant les zones de grande station de transport en commun dans les zones d'emploi d'importance provinciale, ainsi que des révisions à d'autres politiques pour appuyer les objectifs de notre gouvernement, qui sont d'accroître l'offre de logements, de créer plus d'emplois, d'attirer les investissements des entreprises et de mieux aligner l'infrastructure. Nous souhaitons avoir votre opinion sur les changements proposés au Plan.

Je suis conscient que ces changements sont proposés alors que nous vivons une période d'incertitude et que bien des municipalités doivent gérer des questions urgentes dans le cadre de nos efforts collectifs pour protéger la santé et le bien-être de nos citoyens partout en Ontario. La région élargie du Golden Horseshoe (REGH) sera déterminante pour la relance économique à la suite de l'épidémie de COVID-19. La REGH est un important moteur économique, tant à l'échelle provinciale que nationale, puisque qu'elle devrait être le berceau de plus de 85 % de la croissance démographique de la province d'ici 2051. En fait, on s'attend à ce que d'ici 2051, la région compte près de 15 millions de personnes et sept millions d'emplois. Afin d'aider les municipalités à se préparer à cette croissance et à procéder à un examen détaillé et à une révision de leurs plans officiels, mon ministère propose des révisions ciblées au plan *En plein essor* pour faciliter et accélérer la planification de la croissance dans la région.

Les changements proposés sont les suivants :

- [Proposition de modification n° 1 à *En plein essor : Plan de croissance de la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe* : 019-1680](#)
- [Méthode d'évaluation des besoins en terrains proposée pour *En plein essor : Plan de croissance de la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe* : 019-1679](#)

- [Proposition de modification n° 1 à *En plein essor* : Plan de croissance de la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe sur le Registre ontarien de la réglementation : 20-MMAH006](#)

Les changements proposés agiraient en synergie afin de fournir aux municipalités une plus grande souplesse et une capacité de prévoyance accrue en ce qui a trait aux tendances sur le plan démographique, de l'emploi, de la demande du marché et de l'abordabilité du logement dans la REGH. La période de consultation se termine le 31 juillet 2020. Nous sommes impatients de prendre connaissance de vos observations.

La prochaine étape des travaux concernant les zones d'emploi d'importance provinciale, qui devrait être entreprise sous peu, se penchera sur la façon dont ces zones pourraient soutenir la reprise postpandémique en favorisant le maintien et l'expansion des activités industrielles et manufacturières et en attirant des investissements. Le gouvernement considère toujours les zones d'emploi d'importance provinciale comme un outil stratégique et se réjouit à l'idée de faire appel aux entreprises, aux municipalités, aux communautés et organismes autochtones et aux promoteurs pour maximiser les occasions d'affaires dans ces zones.

Si vous ou des membres de votre personnel avez des questions sur le plan *En plein essor* ou sur les changements proposés, veuillez communiquer avec le Secrétariat des initiatives de croissance de l'Ontario à growthplanning@ontario.ca.

Je vous remercie de votre engagement continu à améliorer la qualité de vie et à consolider la croissance économique dans votre collectivité et dans la province.

Veuillez agréer mes sincères salutations.

Le ministre,



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