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Warden Selwyn Hicks  
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Dear Warden Hicks:

I would like to thank you, your fellow council members Christine Robinson, Shirley Keaveney, Jim Woodley, and Tom Hutchinson, and staff members Kim Wingrove and Anne Marie Shaw, for taking the time to meet with Parliamentary Assistant (PA) Jim McDonell at the 2021 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. As Ontario responds to COVID-19, our government will continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our municipal partners to ensure you have the resources and tools you need to support your community, and emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever.

I was pleased that PA McDonell had the opportunity to hear about the need for emergency, affordable and supportive housing in Grey County and the various initiatives you are undertaking to address these challenges. PA McDonell shared with me your efforts to address mental health and homelessness and provide policy support for tiny homes to help address housing costs.

If you or your staff would like to discuss these matters further, ministry staff would be pleased to assist. Please feel free to contact Ian Kerr, Regional Director in the Western Municipal Services Office at 519-873-4026 or [Ian.Kerr@ontario.ca](mailto:Ian.Kerr@ontario.ca). You can also contact my Senior Policy Advisor for Housing, Alex Earthy, at [Alex.Earthy@ontario.ca](mailto:Alex.Earthy@ontario.ca).

We will continue to work closely with our municipal leaders to keep Ontarians safe. I cannot thank you enough for your diligence and leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and your commitment to supporting families and businesses during these challenging times.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet with PA McDonell at the AMO Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark  
Minister

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