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Dear Head of Council:

Re: Protecting Water for Future Generations – Public Consultation

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is undertaking a consultation on a study area for a potential Greenbelt expansion to protect important water resources in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH). The study area is based on locations where water resources are under pressure from current or forecasted urban development.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek input on:

- The province's approach to identifying moraines, coldwater streams and wetlands as important features for protecting water in the outer ring
- The process followed for mapping a study area based on the locations of these features
- Other factors to be considered when mapping a proposed Greenbelt boundary.

The study area is not a proposed boundary. The province is not consulting on a proposed Greenbelt boundary at this time. Input received through this consultation will help inform decisions on how to move from a study area to a proposed Greenbelt boundary. In keeping with the requirements of the Greenbelt Act, 2005, we would consult further on a proposed boundary before any boundary changes are made.

For more information about the consultation, please visit Ontario.ca/greenbelt where you will find:

- A consultation document that describes this proposal in more detail and includes discussion questions related to each of these topics.
- Maps of the study area
- Information about the upcoming public open houses.

My Ministry will hold consultation meetings in the study area to get input from municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities and organizations, stakeholders and the public. I encourage participation by your municipality and look forward to hearing your feedback. More information will be available in the near future.

Consultation Submissions

We will accept input and feedback about the study area and the parameters for potential Greenbelt expansion until March 7, 2018. Input received through this consultation will help inform decisions on how to move from a study area to a proposed Greenbelt boundary.

Submissions on the consultation document may be made in writing to the Ministry by:

- Filling out our online web form at: **Ontario.ca/greenbelt**
- Emailing us at: protectingwater@ontario.ca
- Responding to the Environmental Registry posting by searching the registry number 013-1661 on the following website: **Ontario.ca/EBR**
- Writing us at:

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If you have any questions about the consultation or the upcoming public open houses, please contact us by sending an email to protectingwater@ontario.ca or calling 1-877-711-8208.

We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing your views and recommendations as the consultation progresses.

Sincerely,



Bill Mauro
Minister

c. Municipal Clerk
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