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Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor
777 Bay St, Toronto, ON
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**Unlocking Economic Development Potential in the Town of Halton Hills –
Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan, Transition Regulation**

Dear Minister Clark:

On December 10, 2018 we met to discuss opportunities for unlocking significant economic development potential in the Town of Halton Hills, in particular in the Premier Gateway employment area. To do so, we discussed the ROPA 47 appeal, as well as a proposal for the development of a hotel, conference center and major indoor waterpark, on the "Hodero lands", located at the northeast corner of Eighth Line and Steeles Avenue.

As a follow-up to our meeting and subsequent letters dated December 17, 2018 and December 20, 2018, can you please provide an update on the Province's position on ROPA 47.

Since we met, I acknowledge that the Province has released a proposed amendment to the Growth Plan. As part of this Amendment, you have asked for additional feedback as to any specific planning matters in process that should be addressed through the transition regulation, including official plan amendments that are under appeal.

Pending a detailed review of the proposed Amendment, Town Council will provide comments to the Province by the February 28, 2019 comment deadline. In addition, at its February 11, 2019 meeting, I intend to seek Council's support for a Resolution that will ask that the transition regulation include provisions that will enable the Premier Gateway Phase 1B lands to proceed. The Resolution will request that the Province withdraw its appeal of ROPA 47. Further, the Resolution will ask for the regulation to enable the Hodero lands to proceed to development pre-2021.

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Any further delay caused by the ROPA 47 appeal will drastically undermine the Town's, and by extension the Province's, goal of supporting economic growth and job creation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Bonnette
Town of Halton Hills

CC.:

Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Brent Marshall, CAO, Town of Halton Hills