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Dear Chair Iannicca: *Nando*

I am writing to you regarding a draft Regional Official Plan Amendment that was circulated to staff of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, seeking to remove the shale protection policies and mapping from the North West Brampton urban area.

Our government shares your interest in realizing strong communities and addressing housing issues across the Province; however, in accordance with provincial policy direction, there is equally a need to protect mineral aggregate resources such as shale for current and future generations. I understand from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry that North West Brampton contains a significant deposit of easily accessible shale resources. These resources are part of the Queenston Formation, which is the last primary source of raw material for brick-making in Ontario.

Provincial policies and legislation direct the wise use of local available mineral aggregate resources to generate employment (including indirect economic activity) and to provide for cheaper and more energy efficient transportation of raw materials, which is intended to keep building and construction costs lower in comparison to transporting these materials over longer distances.

With this in mind, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has advised that shale extraction is rather unique and does not require as much land as other aggregates to provide for a long-term supply. As such, I have directed my Ministry staff to coordinate with partner ministries, and engage in conversations with municipal staff and key stakeholders, to develop options for protecting a portion of the shale resources in North West Brampton. This approach would provide for a long-term supply of shale resources, while releasing the vast majority of lands in North West Brampton for urban development.

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I look forward to finding a mutually beneficial solution to this matter. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

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Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation  
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