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Dear Mayor / Stakeholder:

I am writing to share some great news with you about the *Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure* regulation (O.Reg. 588/17). I am pleased to announce that the regulation has been amended to extend the upcoming phase 2 (July 1, 2021) timeline by one year, and subsequent timelines for phases 3 and 4 by one year. The amended regulation came into effect on March 15, 2021.

Our government recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented operational pressure on municipalities, which has made it increasingly difficult to meet the upcoming requirements under the regulation. We have heard concerns from several municipalities regarding the upcoming July 1, 2021 regulatory timeline, which requires every municipality to prepare an asset management plan for core infrastructure assets. While some municipalities were able to meet the deadline, we heard from many who were not. As such, we have taken action to address this important concern from our municipal partners. We believe these timeline extensions will empower municipalities to successfully complete their asset management plans, while addressing local priorities resulting from the impacts of COVID-19.

Good asset management planning allows municipalities to stretch capital dollars by helping them make well-informed, evidence-based decisions. It's about making the right infrastructure investments in the right places, at the right time.

With the resulting data, municipalities will be able to prioritize their investments. The data will also allow the province to make targeted investments while working with municipalities to help develop solutions that address structural challenges.

The revised regulatory timelines are as follows:

- Phase 2 (by July 1, 2022): Asset management plan for core infrastructure assets which include water, wastewater and stormwater assets, roads, bridges and culverts; within this, the plan for core assets must also include current levels of service and costs to maintain these levels.
- Phase 3 (by July 1, 2024): Asset Management Plan for all municipal assets, including current levels of service and costs to maintain these levels.
- Phase 4 (by July 1, 2025): Builds on phase 3 where plans shift from current levels of service to focus on proposed levels of service and related lifecycle management and financial strategy for all assets.

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For reference, the amended regulation can be found on the Ontario eLaws website:
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/170588#BK7>.

Thank you to all who provided feedback on this issue, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with our municipal partners on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure