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Mr. Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Iannicca:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recent annual general meeting and conference. I appreciated the opportunity to hear your views about energy and climate change planning in your community.

My ministry is continuing to review its long-term energy planning framework as Ontario strives to develop an achievable pathway to phase-out natural gas generation and achieve a zero-emission electricity system. Our government has launched the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel to provide essential advice on how to co-ordinate long-term energy planning, considering growing energy demand, emerging technologies, low-carbon fuel switching, sustainability and affordability. The panel will be accompanied by a cost-effective energy pathways study to further support Ontario's climate change goals.

Additionally, Ontario is supporting innovation in the energy sector to advance the integration of renewable and distributed energy resources as well as customer adoption of clean energy technologies. As Ontario strives toward a cleaner electricity system, I welcome Peel's input on policies and regulations that can support the region's long-term energy needs.

Thank you again for meeting with me and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Todd Smith
Minister

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September 7, 2022

The Honourable Todd Smith
Minister of Energy
77 Grenville Street, 10th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2C1

Dear Minister Smith:

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, thank you for meeting with our delegation on August 15th at this year's AMO Conference. We share your enthusiasm for a pandemic recovery driven by growth and opportunity and the Region looks forward to partnering with you and your colleagues over the next four years and beyond.

We appreciated the discussion at the Conference on the importance of meeting the energy needs required to maintain Peel's competitiveness - and for communities across Ontario - balanced with longer-term plans for a clean energy grid. It is clear, following our discussion, that a robust energy sector producing safe, reliable, clean and affordable energy, is a shared priority for the Region of Peel and the Province.

We also noted that with already limited revenue sources, the added costs to maintain infrastructure and critical service delivery, as a result of climate change, will be challenging for the Region. We believe these challenges also present opportunities.

As such, we appreciate the launch of the [Electrification and Energy Transition Panel](#) by your Ministry and look forward to its findings. We would also like to keep the lines of communication open as we continue implementing the Peel Region Climate Change Master Plan and the various progressive initiatives contained within it.

Once again, thank you for meeting with Peel's delegation at this year's AMO Conference to discuss these important issues. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,



Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer