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Chair Nando Iannicca

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Chair Iannicca:

In 2019, our government introduced *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* ('the Plan', '*A Place to Grow*') as part of the **More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan**. Today, I am writing to notify you of proposed changes to the Plan including updates and policy changes to the population and employment forecasts, a change to the Plan horizon year, a new Land Needs Assessment methodology, adjustments to the aggregates policy framework, new policies to address Major Transit Station Areas within Provincially Significant Employment Zones (PSEZs), and other policy revisions that support our government's objectives to increase housing supply, create more jobs, attract business investments and better align infrastructure. We are asking for your input on these proposed amendments to the Plan.

I realize the proposed changes come at a time of uncertainty when many municipalities are managing urgent matters related to our shared work to protect the health and well-being of our residents across Ontario. The Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) will be critical to economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. The GGH is a key economic driver of both the province and the nation, with more than 85 per cent of the province's population growth expected in this region by 2051. In fact, we are anticipating that by 2051 this region will grow to nearly 15 million people and accommodate seven million jobs. In order to support municipalities in preparing for this anticipated growth so that you can complete your municipal comprehensive review and official plan revisions, my ministry is proposing these targeted revisions to *A Place to Grow* to make it faster and easier for municipalities in the region to plan for growth.

Details of the proposed changes are as follows:

- [Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe: 019-1680](#)
- [Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology for A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe: 019-1679](#)
- [Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe on Ontario's Regulatory Registry: 20-MMAH006](#)

The proposed changes would work together to provide more flexibility and foresight to municipalities into demographic, employment, market demand, and housing affordability trends in the GGH. The consultation period will close on July 31, 2020. We look forward to receiving any comments you may have.

The next phase of work on PSEZs, which will begin shortly, will examine how they can support post-COVID economic recovery to support the retention and expansion of existing industrial and manufacturing operations and attract investment. The government continues to view PSEZs as an important tool and looks forward to engaging with businesses, municipalities, Indigenous communities and organizations, and the development industry to maximize opportunities within a PSEZ.

Should you or your staff have any questions about *A Place to Grow* or the proposed changes, please contact the Ontario Growth Secretariat at growthplanning@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to strengthening the quality of life and the economic growth of your community and the province of Ontario.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark

Minister

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