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Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Council of the City of Mississauga, I am writing to you regarding the current statutory requirement in the *Planning Act* to give notice in a print newspaper for various planning matters such as official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments, draft plan of subdivision, and minor variance. With the ceasing of print editions of Metroland's community newspapers and flyers, the last remaining printed publication in the City of Mississauga that meets the notice requirements set out in the Act is no longer available.

In the *Planning Act*, the scope of discretion is limited as to which method of notice may be given. "Newspaper" means a printed publication in sheet form, intended for general circulation and published regularly at intervals of not longer than a week and consisting in great part of news of current events of general interest and sold to the public and to regular subscribers and available within the City of Mississauga. Given that the Mississauga News will now be available in a digital-only format, the City does not have a reasonable option to meet the notice requirements. While some publications like the Toronto Star are still available in print, their regional and national distribution and cost-prohibitive pricing mean they are not suited to this type of notice.

We request that, given the new landscape of print news media in Ontario, you amend the legislation to allow notice to be given in digital papers and through other digital means. Mississauga is not likely the only municipality to make this request as the Metroland shutdown will affect many communities. The Mississauga News, for example, will continue to publish a digital version. We are working to amend our City's Public Notice By-law to move away from print publications wherever permitted, but require the provincial government to make the necessary changes to the Legislation Act, 2006, the Planning Act, and the Expropriations Act for those notices for which print circulation is still required.

Thank you for your consideration.

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DIRECTION REQUIRED _____
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED ☒ _____

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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