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The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
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Dear Minister Clark,

**RE: Halton Area Planning Partnership Joint Submission on Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place To Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology**

Thank you for providing the Region and its Local Municipalities the opportunity to comment on proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan, and the proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology (ERO Numbers: 019-1679 and 019-1680). The comments highlighted in the attached Report No. LPS57-20, have been endorsed by Regional Council.

Regional Council generally supports the Amendment 1 changes to the Growth Plan, and the new Land Needs Assessment Methodology, including the use of the Reference Forecast for the 2051 horizon year to update the Schedule 3 population and employment forecasts. Council does not support the proposed policy change permitting mineral aggregate extraction in the habitat of threatened and endangered species.

In Halton, planning and growth management is coordinated and integrated to ensure that infrastructure and community services are planned, constructed and financed in advance of growth and in accordance with the long-held principle that growth must pay for growth to the greatest extent possible. However, there are gaps in Provincial infrastructure investment related to growth in Halton. For example, the Province is responsible for funding critical infrastructure (such as hospitals, schools, highways and higher order transit) required to serve population growth in our communities. It is of the utmost importance that Provincial infrastructure be financed, planned, designed and commissioned seamlessly in time to support the needs of growth in new communities.

The successful implementation of the Growth Plan can only occur with a well coordinated, integrated, and phased approach to land-use planning, infrastructure needs, municipal service delivery, and public sector financial planning. While Halton is prepared to implement the

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Provincial Growth Plan, Regional Council's position is that this can only happen if we have a commitment from the Province to deliver its infrastructure. In this regard we ask that you provide a multi-year, multi-ministry plan to build Provincial infrastructure that will support growth in Halton.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr,  
Regional Chair

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Attachments