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Attention: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)

Re: ERO No. 026-0305: Consultation on proposal to facilitate electronic submission of information as part of the Planning Act process electronically

On behalf of Cortel Group, we are writing to address ERO Submission No. 026-0305 to support the government's move towards building a digital Ontario. More specifically, the Province is seeking feedback on the proposed changes to various regulations under the *Planning Act* that would:

- remove the requirement for information and material to include an original or certified copy, and
- allow required notices to be given electronically to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

We are supportive of these changes and also strongly encourage that as part of the electronic submission process, any requirement to commission an application form be removed. This is an unnecessary step in the process and causes delays. Additionally, each municipality applies this request differently—majority do not require but some municipalities do.

We appreciate your consideration and we are available to provide any additional information or respond to any questions at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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