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Dear Elected Official:

In February 2022, Parliamentary Assistant Sandhu consulted with the municipal sector regarding municipal asset management planning and changes to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. These consultations helped inform the Ministry's approach for continued asset management planning tools and supports, which will assist municipalities in meeting the timelines set out in the *Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure* regulation.

The municipal sector told us that many aspects of the AMP It Up program have been helpful. In particular, municipalities have found the workshops and in-person direction to be informative and have provided valuable opportunities to network. We also heard that there is a need for more one-on-one support for the smallest municipalities, including workshops on a broader range of topics at shorter intervals, and establishing community of practice initiatives to help municipalities share best practices.

I am pleased to announce that the Ontario government, in partnership with the Municipal Finance Officers' Association, will continue to provide asset management tools and supports and strengthen the program in response to what we heard, such as providing one-on-one support to small municipalities and shifting the emphasis toward workshops and communities of practice. This programming will include the following valuable supports to municipalities:

- **Coaching and Assistance:** One-on-one consulting to support Ontario's smallest municipalities with a population of less than 5,000, to meet regulatory timelines;
- **Group Workshops:** Detailed workshops on various topics will help municipalities complete the work required to comply with the regulation; and
- **Communities of Practice:** Cohort-based working groups that will enhance knowledge sharing and collaboration between municipalities with similar infrastructure needs as well as help to encourage municipalities to work together to achieve common goals and share best practices.

The asset management tools and supports will continue to help municipalities in developing and maintaining their asset management plans in the long-term. High-quality asset management plans will assist municipalities in planning priority infrastructure projects that will benefit local communities, boost economic growth, and create jobs.

Ministry staff will be in touch with Chief Administrative Officers in the very near future to share next steps on this continued support for asset management planning.

I look forward to continuing to work with the municipal sector in addressing critical infrastructure priorities.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure

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