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Dear Head of Council:

I understand that your community has expressed interest in the Ontario government's Natural Gas Expansion Program.

Our government remains committed to being responsive to the needs of communities across Ontario, and I am very pleased to write to you and share that Budget 2022 includes the announcement of a new Phase 3 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program.

This will begin with a consultation in Fall 2022 to ensure the program meets Ontario's evolving energy needs, with additional information on application criteria to follow thereafter.

We know there has been overwhelming demand from communities and businesses across the province, and through this announcement our government continues to demonstrate its commitment to making the meaningful investments that will make a difference in helping communities to thrive.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the signature.

Todd Smith
Minister