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Dear Mr. Meneses:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation from the Norfolk County at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference regarding the challenges Norfolk is facing.

We truly appreciated the opportunity to hear from you about the issues that are important to your community. I have shared your comments and concerns with Minister Bethlenfalvy.

Our government is investing in municipalities at a record level — with provincial funding growing by over 45% from 2019-2023 alone — and we are continuing to take meaningful action to support our municipal partners like you. Our priority is to work with municipalities to build more housing, support economic growth and strengthen Ontario's communities. Given our current focus, a broad service review or fundamental shift to how municipalities are funded is not being considered at this time.

As part of our record investments in municipalities, our government is getting shovels in the ground faster by providing municipalities with more than \$1.9 billion in provincial funding for housing- and community-enabling infrastructure through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program — complementing funding announced previously through the province's Building Faster Fund.

We will continue to work closely with you to create a stronger community where people and families can live, thrive, prosper and build a better Ontario.

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss these important issues with you.

Sincerely,



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c: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
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Chris Van Paassen, Deputy Mayor, Norfolk County
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