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Minister Clark,

Thank you for making the time to meet with our delegation from the City of Burlington at the virtual AMO conference last week.

As I said when we spoke, we greatly appreciate the support we have received from your team in our work on removing the MTSA designation on our downtown as we look to refocus our growth on areas around our 3 Go Transit stations. There has been great collaboration between the City, Region and Province on a solution that works for everyone and accomplishes our shared goals.

I would also like to thank you again for the ability to hold meetings electronically throughout the pandemic, and the recent announcement about funding for municipalities as those monies will go a long way to helping us recover and rebuild our economy in a safe and healthy way.

I am attaching a copy of the full presentation we shared with you during our conversation if you find it helpful to reference.

As we discussed during our conversation, City of Burlington staff are mapping a path forward on a staged approach to changing the boundaries of the UGC in downtown Burlington, through the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) that Halton Region is working on and we appreciate the related discussion with you and your team on making this adjustment.

The UGC has done its job in its current configuration; adjusting the boundary to lands in proximity to the Burlington GO Station will enable sustainable and transit-oriented growth for future generations.

This is supported by Provincial Policy, the letter we received from the Province, as well as the directions and findings of completed planning initiatives such as the adopted 2018 Official Plan, the Scoped Review of the Official Plan, and the Interim Control Bylaw Land Use Study.

We look forward to further conversations as this discussion moves to the Regional MCR and then, ultimately, a provincial decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marianne Meed Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington

cc: MPP Jane McKenna, MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP Parm Gill