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Minister Mulroney and Associate Minister Surma,

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 the Ministry of Transportation in the recent COVID-19 Phase 1 Municipal Transit Funding announcement. This will go a long way toward helping our community and our economy recover and rebuild.

I'd also like to reiterate our thanks for the approval of our ICIP-Transit applications, the work that has been done on the QEW Prosperity Corridor Study in partnership with the City of Burlington and the MTO, and the quick approvals we were able to secure when building the Joseph Brant Hospital temporary Pandemic Response Unit.

We valued the opportunity to share our city's priorities around transit with you during our discussion and highlight the work we have been doing to focus our future growth and development around our three Go Transit stations. The recent approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to remove the MTSA designation from our downtown bus terminal was a key step in this effort.

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 that Halton Region is working on.

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 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 are pleased that our local MPPs, Minister Clark and your ministry are all so engaged and collaborative in this process as we complete this work and plan for growth in Burlington that focuses around mass transit and aligns with our community's values and vision.

Please keep Burlington in mind as a priority location for the Metrolinx Transit-Oriented Communities Strategy. With our 3 Go Transit stations as the centre of our growth over the next 30 years, we are ready to become a model for this strategy and partner together on these shared priorities.

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