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Mr. Crawford,

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 mentioned during our call, the City of Burlington appreciates the ICIP funding we have already received to help us with our aging infrastructure and improvements as our city continues to grow.

My colleagues and I valued the opportunity to share our city's priorities with you as they relate to the Ministry of Infrastructure:

- COVID Resilience Stream funding and related intake processes
- The possibility of funding to support Burlington's Skyway Recreation Centre – a new 50,000 square foot multi-purpose, low carbon recreational complex that will foster greater accessibility, exceed AODA requirements, and be carbon neutral.
- Helping our rural community (half of Burlington's land being rural) by prioritizing and accelerating funding to improve broadband access.

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

As discussed in our conversation, we look forward to partnering with your ministry to accelerate the delivery of rural broadband and help support essential COVID-19 economic recovery efforts throughout our community. The four mayors of Halton municipalities and the Halton Regional Chair strongly support the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program applications to improve rural Halton broadband.

Our residents and businesses need this more than ever. Connectivity is critical at all times, but we have learned how much more vital it is during the current COVID-19 pandemic so that people can continue to work, go to school and safely socialize.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marianne Meed Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marianne" being more legible than the last name "Meed Ward".

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington

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