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Dear Municipal Administrator,

Further to the November 1, 2019 letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am writing to provide additional information about Ontario's new Municipal Modernization Program and advise that Intake 1 under the program is now open.

Under the Municipal Modernization Program, the province is making up to \$125 million available through 2022-23 to help 405 small and rural municipalities conduct new service delivery reviews, implement recommendations from previous reviews and undertake a range of projects, such as IT solutions or process improvements, to achieve cost savings and efficiencies.

Program guidelines and an Expression of Interest form for Intake 1 of the program are attached. Eligible projects under Intake 1 are reviews of municipal service delivery expenditures by independent third-party reviewers that will be completed by June 30, 2020. I encourage you to consider how your municipality might benefit from participation in Intake 1 of the Municipal Modernization Program and submit an Expression of Interest by December 6, 2019. Please see the attached guidelines for details about the program and how to apply.

Under future intakes of the program, municipalities will have the opportunity to apply for projects aimed at implementing service delivery efficiencies to achieve cost savings, in addition to service delivery reviews. Intake 2 under the program is planned for Spring/Summer 2020, with additional intakes expected through 2022-23. Participation in Intake 1 is not a requirement for participation in future intakes.

I look forward to continuing to work together to support your municipality in delivering efficient, effective and modern services for your residents. If you have questions about the program, I encourage you to reach out to your Municipal Services Office contact or email the ministry at Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Wallace", written over a blue horizontal line.

Marcia Wallace
Assistant Deputy Minister

c. Municipal Treasurer