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September 6, 2024

Maddison Mather, Clerk  
Northumberland County  
[matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca)

Dear Maddison Mather:

**Re: Request for Deferred Approval of Adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 1**

Northumberland County adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 1 on December 15, 2021, and submitted it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval. On October 18, 2023, the County passed a resolution requesting that a decision on the new Official Plan Amendment No. 1 be deferred considering the pending release of the new Provincial Planning Statement.

From April 10 to May 12, 2024, the government consulted on a new proposed Provincial Planning Statement through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO #019-8462) that combines elements of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) and A Place to Grow, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

As a result of considerable consultation, I am pleased to announce the release of a new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS) which will come into effect on October 20, 2024. The new PPS contains updated policies supporting increased intensification around transit, scoping protections for employment areas, and promoting a range and mix of housing options, including housing for students and seniors.

Currently, I am asking the County to repeal the Official Plan Amendment's adopting by-law pursuant to ss. 21(1) of the *Planning Act* so that Official Plan Amendment No. 1 is no longer before me for a decision. Doing so will afford the County the ability to re-visit aspects of Official Plan Amendment No. 1 to ensure alignment of local land-use planning policies and interests with the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024. I look forward to receiving an updated/revised copy of your new Official Plan Amendment.

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Should you take steps to repeal your by-law, I ask that a copy of the repealing by-law be forwarded to the Ministry's attention once finalized. Please send a copy to Jen Liptrot, Regional Director, at [Jen.Liptrot@Ontario.ca](mailto:Jen.Liptrot@Ontario.ca) and Michael Elms, Manager, Community Planning & Development at [Michael.Elms@Ontario.ca](mailto:Michael.Elms@Ontario.ca) at our Municipal Services Office – Eastern.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Calandra", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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