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VIA MAIL & EMAIL

Hon. John Yakabuski

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
99 Wellesley St. W
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

Hon. Todd Smith

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Minister Yakabuski and Minister Smith:

Re: Urgent meeting request – Regulation 828/20 – Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act

I am writing to request an urgent meeting to discuss reducing red-tape on a significant project in Clearview Township.

Located in Simcoe County, Clearview is a community on the rise. The Township boasts affordable living opportunities, provides its residents with the unique rural Ontario experience, and has considerable employment opportunities in industries such as manufacturing and agriculture.

Clearview is also a prime location for the Ford Government to deliver on its promise of cutting red-tape, spurring job growth, and increasing investment in Ontario.

Clearview has been attempting to secure permission from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to make road safety improvements to a local sideroad for over seven years. After spending years working on this project, and finally receiving approval from the Environmental Review Tribunal and the Ontario Municipal Board to make the necessary road upgrades, the Wynne Government enacted a regulatory change to 828/20 of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act that confirmed Clearview required a special development permit

to carry out the necessary upgrades. Despite NEC staff recommending that Clearview be granted this permit, the NEC Commissioners denied the development permit application.

This situation provides the Ford Government with the opportunity to make good on its political promise of reducing burdensome, onerous, and job-killing red-tape. By removing this regulatory burden, the Ford Government can allow municipalities to make minor road improvements within existing right-of-ways that have limited environmental impact without seeking approval from the NEC. This position has been endorsed by the Ontario Good Roads Association.

I look forward to our meeting to discuss how we can work together to bring common sense and respect for our local road authority back to rural Ontario. To arrange this meeting, please contact Stephen Sage, CAO of Clearview Township. Mr. Sage can be reached at ssage@clearview.ca or 705-428-6230 x 228.

Best,



Doug Measures
Mayor, Clearview Township

DM/ck

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