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Member of Parliament for Guelph

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Mayor Cam Guthrie
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
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Dear Mayor Guthrie,

Infrastructure is at the core of our community and is essential to helping Guelphites succeed. Over the past three years I have taken it upon myself to work within the Federal Government and with partners from the province and the City of Guelph to deliver results for the people of Guelph.

The Federal Government developed a long-term plan that invests over \$180 billion over 12 years to build up our communities. Locally, using a whole-of-government approach, we have had success improving our municipal transportation, with 24 new buses and 9 specialized vehicles, upgrades to over 130 bus stops, investments in affordable housing construction and renovation, waste water treatment upgrades, and the first phase of Metcalfe Street Reconstruction. Improvements to transit and other important infrastructure projects have been making a vital difference in the lives of Guelph residents.

However, in the year since the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario signed the Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), there has been no urgency from Ontario to open intake for all of the funding streams available through the Program. While the Province opening intake for rural infrastructure this week and public transit to open shortly is progress, I am concerned that the slow intake will cause us to lose another construction season and that good proposals from the City of Guelph and community organizations will be left languishing.

After several meetings between the Minister of Infrastructure & Communities and his counterparts in Ontario, it is clear to me that the Province of Ontario is not open for business. A slow and limited intake is not putting the jobs and the infrastructure the city of Guelph needs, first.

It is for this reason that I write to you today. I ask for your assistance in directly calling on the Province of Ontario to open the remaining three infrastructure streams (transit, green, community culture and recreation) so that the people of Guelph and all Ontarians can benefit from unprecedented infrastructure investments to build communities in the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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