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Jim Vezina  
Board Chair  
Thunder Bay DSSAB  
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Dear Board Chair Vezina:

Thank you for meeting with my team and me at the 2026 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference, joined by your fellow board members Gordon Cuthbertson, Jim Moffat, Don Smith, and staff Ken Ranta.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and all our municipal partners to build more housing, support economic growth and strengthen Ontario's communities.

Municipal staff are encouraged to continue to engage with the ministry's regional Municipal Services Office. Regional Director Bridget Schulte-Hostedde can be reached at [bridget.schulte-hostedde@ontario.ca](mailto:bridget.schulte-hostedde@ontario.ca) or 705-564-6858. Alternatively, you and your fellow council members can contact my Director of Communications and Issues, Melissa Candelaria, at [Melissa.Candelaria@ontario.ca](mailto:Melissa.Candelaria@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work with our municipal partners and stakeholders to continue to deliver on our plan to Protect Ontario by Building. Our 10-year, more than \$201 billion capital plan is the largest and most ambitious plan of its kind in Ontario's history. This includes historic investments to unlock infrastructure to address Ontario's current needs, while laying the foundation for long-term growth and prosperity for communities across the province and creating more construction jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graydon Smith".

Hon. Graydon Smith  
Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Hon. Robert J. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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