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**Re: Draft New County of Brant Official Plan – Provincial Comments
MMAH File: 29-OP-210596**

Dear Darryl Lee,

Thank you for circulating the draft County of Brant Official Plan (OP) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for our review and comment. Staff at MMAH appreciate the collaborative approach that has been undertaken by the County throughout its development. It is understood that this new draft OP is intended to bring Brant County's OP into conformity with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 (APTG), and address consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS).

We understand that the County has paused its work on its OP update program, and we wish to inform you that MMAH will not be providing provincial comments on the draft OP. Considering this, Brant County is encouraged to bring forward its adopted plan for the Minister's consideration.

The government is reviewing provincial land use policies to help achieve its goal of building 1.5 million homes over the next ten years as part of More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan: 2022-2023. The review of APTG and the PPS is currently open for public consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario at ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6177.

We understand the County has engaged with Indigenous communities including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chief's Council throughout this process, and that this engagement has resulted in Section 3: Indigenous Engagement and Reconciliation within the draft OP. Please continue to engage with these Indigenous communities and other Indigenous communities who may have an interest.

We look forward to continuing to work with you as the draft OP is further refined and eventually finalized.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ian Kerr', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

Ian Kerr
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