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Dear Head of Council:

I am pleased to inform you that the Provincial government has approved reforms to municipal eligible investment authorities that will provide your municipality with access to broader investment options.

Legislative amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 passed under the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 have been proclaimed in force as of March 1, 2018. These amendments, together with changes to Ontario Regulation 438/97 (Eligible Investments and Related Financial Agreements), provide eligible municipalities with access to investing in any security in accordance with the prudent investor standard and other requirements set out in the regulation.

This new investment authority may help municipalities earn better risk adjusted rates of return which can be used to address local priorities, such as financing the repair and replacement of local infrastructure.

For municipalities that do not invest under this new standard, further regulatory changes provide broader investment authorities under the prescribed list of securities.

The amendments deliver on the commitments that our government made through the recent review of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and demonstrate our government's ongoing efforts to support the financial sustainability of all municipalities in Ontario.

If your municipal staff would like further information about these changes, please advise them to reach out to the appropriate Municipal Service Office of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

I wish your municipality success as you examine how best to take advantage of these new investment opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Mauro".

Bill Mauro  
Minister

c: Municipal Treasurer