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Ms. Wendy Brunetta, Councillor
Mr. Ken Perry, Councillor
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
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Dear Councillors Brunetta and Perry:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation at the 2017 ROMA Conference in Toronto, regarding railway taxation, the 2016 reassessment and the proposed funding model to combat the misuse of alcohol.

It is important to me to have had the opportunity to speak with you in person about the issues that impact your community. I also wanted to thank you for your municipality's role in the review of the property taxation of railways. We look forward to your continued participation in this process. I will be sure to share your comments and concerns with the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance.

If it would be of assistance, Ministry of Finance staff can facilitate setting up meetings with MPAC to obtain further information related to the 2016 reassessment in your municipality. Municipal staff may contact Carolina Torres, Manager, Assessment Policy Unit, at 416-325-4754 or Carolina.Torres@ontario.ca.

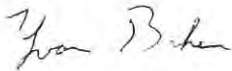
As discussed in our meeting, municipal staff may also wish to follow up with staff from the Ministry to discuss the tax policy tools that are available to municipalities to respond to reassessment changes. Municipal staff may contact Andrea Chow, Manager, Property Tax Policy Unit, at 416-327-0252 or Andrea.Chow@ontario.ca.

Please be assured that our government remains committed to working in partnership with municipalities.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you in person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Yvan Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yvan" and last name "Baker" clearly distinguishable.

Yvan Baker, MPP
Parliamentary Assistant

c: Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial-Local Finance Division,
Ministry of Finance