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His Worship Roy Avis
Mayor
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
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Dear Mayor Avis:

It was a pleasure meeting with Fort Frances' delegation at the 2017 AMO Conference in Ottawa, regarding the railway rights-of-way property taxation.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to speak with you in person about the issues that impact your community. I will be sure to share your comments and concerns with the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance.

I also want to thank you for your municipality's role in the review of the property taxation of railway rights-of way. Feedback that we received from you and other municipalities has been valuable during the review of this issue. The province will continue to consult and seek input from municipalities. For 2018 and future years, the government will continue to adjust rates to address key issues identified by municipalities and the railway industry.

Our government remains committed to working in partnership with municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Yvan Baker, MPP
Parliamentary Assistant

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