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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Municipal Leaders

MEMORANDUM FROM: The Honourable Bob Chiarelli

RE: Municipal Energy Plan program

Ontario's updated Long-Term Energy Plan, [\*Achieving Balance\*](#), is committed to putting conservation first. Putting conservation first means ensuring conservation is the first resource considered before building new generation and transmission facilities, wherever cost-effective. Conservation is the cleanest and cheapest energy resource and it offers consumers a way to reduce their energy bills.

To continue our efforts to put conservation first, our government is supporting local energy planning and engaging municipalities through the **Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) program**.

I am pleased to announce that as of today, Ontario will begin accepting MEP applications on an ongoing basis for two funding streams:

- Funding Stream to Develop a New Municipal Energy Plan: Successful applicants to this stream will receive 50 per cent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$90,000.
- New Funding Stream to Enhance an Existing Energy Plan: Successful applicants to this stream will receive 50 per cent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

Launched in 2013, the MEP program supports municipalities' efforts to better understand their local energy needs, develop plans to meet their goals, and identify opportunities for energy efficiency and clean energy. MEPs will help municipalities:

- assess the community's energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- identify opportunities to conserve, improve energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions;
- consider impact of future growth and options for local clean energy generation; and
- support local economic development.

The MEP program takes an integrated approach to energy planning by aligning energy, growth, infrastructure, and land use planning. Supporting local energy planning is part of the

government's economic plan that is creating jobs for today and tomorrow. The comprehensive plan and its six priorities focus on Ontario's greatest strengths - its people and strategic partnerships.

Your staff can review the **program guidelines** and complete the **application form** at <http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/municipal-energy/>. If staff have any questions about the MEP program, they can email [MEP@ontario.ca](mailto:MEP@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Chiarelli', written in a cursive style.

Bob Chiarelli  
Minister