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His Worship Roy Avis  
Mayor  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9

Dear Mayor Avis: *2-1*

I am pleased that Minister Gravelle and ministry staff met with delegates from the Town of Fort Frances at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference on January 30, 2017, in Toronto.

Certainly, ministry staff appreciated having the opportunity to hear your thoughts and concerns regarding the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation assessment roll, which will cause a significant decline in the assessed values of properties in Fort Frances, and the current model for railroad right-of-way land taxation in Ontario.

Ontario is committed to working with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and local industries of the North, to take advantage of emerging opportunities for jobs and growth, while addressing the unique challenges facing the North.

I encourage you to work with Ms Leanne Mose, Northern Development Officer in my ministry's Fort Frances office. She would be pleased to assist you with information on the programs of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, as well as other applicable Ontario government programs and initiatives available, and can also help you get in touch with other provincial ministries, as may be required. Ms Mose can be reached at 807-274-5320 or by email at [leanne.mose@ontario.ca](mailto:leanne.mose@ontario.ca).

Once again, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. In closing, please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Bill Mauro  
Minister of Northern Development and Mines