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Dear Head of Council:

I am pleased that the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association annual meeting will be held from January 29-31, 2017, in Toronto. I will be there along with many of my cabinet colleagues to further strengthen our government's relationship with Ontario's diverse municipalities. Coming from the north, I place a high value on our small rural and northern communities. I also know the many challenges they face.

The ROMA conference presents a great chance for us to come together and discuss issues and opportunities that are important to building strong and vibrant communities across the province. A communication from my Ministry staff will be sent to your clerks and CAOs with information on how to request a delegation meeting, similar to the process used in the past. Ministers will also be available to answer your questions during the Ministers' Forum.

My colleagues and I look forward to seeing you at the ROMA conference in January.

Sincerely,

Bill Mauro
Minister