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Your Worship Mayor Sue Paterson Town of Hanover spaterson@hanover.ca

Dear Mayor Paterson:

Thank you for your letter and the information you have provided regarding the Town of Hanover's employment lands and your future land needs.

I appreciate the Town of Hanover's concerns with its ability to accommodate anticipated employment, commercial, and residential growth in the long term. I am happy to hear that the Town's staff and council were able to present these concerns to Parliamentary Assistant, MPP Jim McDonell at this year's AMO conference.

I applaud the Town of Hanover's efforts to date to find a solution. I would like to inform you that the Ontario Provincial Land and Development Facilitator is only able to facilitate where there are active discussions between willing parties. For that reason, I encourage you to continue to work locally to develop solutions that are mutually beneficial to the Town of Hanover, the Township of West Grey, and the Municipality of Brockton.

I am copying leaders from relevant municipalities so that they are aware of our correspondence and my encouragement for you to keep working with them on a locally derived solution. Please keep me apprised of your progress and continue to work with Ian Kerr, the Regional Director at Municipal Services Western Division. He can be contacted at 519-873-4026 or Ian.Kerr@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

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