

November 10, 2021

Mayor Chris Peabody
Municipality of Brockton

By email: cpeabody@brockton.ca

RE: Town of Hanover Boundary Adjustment Discussions

Dear Mayor Peabody:

This letter is further to the letter from Minister Clark of November 4, 2021. Attached is a copy for your convenience.

As you aware, your CAO, Sonya Watson, wrote to us on June 24, 2021 advising that Brockton's council did not wish to meet with Hanover to discuss Hanover's land issues. This letter was in response to our letter of June 1, 2021 in which we requested a meeting with representatives of Brockton to discuss possible options and terms around boundary adjustments.

Brockton's response without an introductory meeting is unfortunate as it has always been our objective to discuss terms that would benefit both municipalities specifically, and southern Bruce and Grey counties, in general. Until we are able to sit down and discuss these potential benefits, we can never fully appreciate the positive impacts that our municipalities could generate for all residents.

I'm hoping that Brockton's position has changed over the past 5.5 months and that we can at least sit down and have a conversation about the possibilities. Please advise if this is something you would be interested in doing, and if so, suggest preferred dates you may have for a meeting between representatives of Hanover and West Grey. To this end, we would be happy to make the arrangements.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,



Sue Paterson
Mayor

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron-Bruce
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November 4, 2021

Your Worship
Mayor Sue Paterson
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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark
Minister

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