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Dear Head of Council:

We are writing to announce the release of the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations.

As communicated in February, the government is maintaining the current structure of the OMPF for 2019. This means the program is the same as it was in 2018, while allowing for annual data updates and related adjustments.

Consistent with prior years, Transitional Assistance will ensure that the 2019 funding guarantee for municipalities in northern Ontario will be at least 90 per cent of their 2018 OMPF allocation and for municipalities in southern Ontario will be at least 85 per cent of their 2018 OMPF allocation.

Northern and rural municipalities with the most challenging fiscal circumstances will continue to have their guarantee enhanced up to 100 per cent of the prior year's allocation.

As in prior years, Transitional Assistance continues to adjust in 2019 as fewer municipalities require this funding. As a result, the 2019 OMPF will provide a total of \$505 million to 389 municipalities across the province.

The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal Treasurers and Clerk-Treasurers with further details on the 2019 OMPF. This information and other supporting materials will be posted online at http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2019.

We look forward to consulting with municipalities to ensure the OMPF program is sustainable and focused on the Northern and rural municipalities that need this funding the most. We are committed to announcing the 2020 allocations well in advance of the municipal budget year so you have appropriate time to plan.

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Working together, we can protect the public services that matter most to Ontario families and build a responsible and sustainable path forward for communities across our province.

Sincerely,

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c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing