

May 31, 2023

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2J3



RMS: L11

Dear Minister Clark:

**Re: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement
ERO Number 019-6813**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

Please find below for the Province's consideration the Township of Oro-Medonte's concerns regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement. A detailed version of the Township's comments and concerns with this proposal is contained in Staff Report DS2023-044 (copy attached) as adopted by the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte on May 24, 2023.

Concerns:

1. Concerns that the proposed PPS would put agricultural lands at risk of being lost to non-agricultural uses, will increase conflicts between normal farm practices and non-agricultural land uses and will ultimately reduce opportunities to create and expand livestock operations, thus negatively impacting the agricultural sector.
2. Increasing the housing on agricultural and rural lands, contributing to less efficient development and land use patterns, and increased pressures on natural heritage and hydrologic features.
3. Concerns that the proposed PPS would increase the potential for development sprawl by permitting new settlement areas or allow a settlement area boundary expansion at any time subject to certain criteria.
4. Concerns that the proposed PPS would permit employment land conversion at any time subject to certain criteria which could be difficult for the Township to protect and preserve employment areas for current and future uses

In conclusion, the Township would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for the Ministry's consideration on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE

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