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Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)

Via Email: [info@obcm.ca](mailto:info@obcm.ca)

**Re:** OBCM Letter to Minister Leblanc Re: Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on August 14, 2023 passed the motion that the municipality send a letter in support of Minister Surma's call to encourage the federal government to support the sustainability and growth of critical infrastructure in Ontario through a new round of flexible federal-provincial infrastructure funding through:

- Protecting communities: Continuing investments in critical underground infrastructure,
- including drinking water distribution systems, sewage and wastewater pipelines, along with stormwater management systems, to ensure the safety of our cities, protect from flooding and also support the growth of new development.
- Supporting communities: The cost of previously approved projects in Ontario continue to escalate and municipalities do not have the funds to complete these necessary projects, let alone to invest in new ones. To get these projects done, Ontario communities need continued support in the face of rising costs.
- Building communities: Critical infrastructure investments to address the housing supply crisis, including truly affordable housing.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,

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Hon. Premier Doug Ford

Hon. Minister Steve Clark

Hon. Minister Kinga Surma

Hon. Minister Victor Fedeli

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