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Dear Head of Council:

We are writing to announce the release of the 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations.

As communicated by the Premier at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, the government is maintaining the current structure of the OMPF for 2020. This means the program is the same as it was in 2019, while allowing for annual data updates and related adjustments.

We have been listening to municipalities and have heard that you need information early to allow time to plan for your budgets. That is why we are announcing allocations now – the earliest that OMPF allocations have ever been announced.

Consistent with prior years, Transitional Assistance will ensure that the 2020 funding guarantee for municipalities in northern Ontario will be at least 90 per cent of their 2019 OMPF allocation and for municipalities in southern Ontario will be at least 85 per cent of their 2019 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 2020 as fewer municipalities require this funding. Consequently, the 2020 OMPF will provide a total of \$500 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 2020 OMPF. This information and other supporting materials will be posted online at <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2020>.

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Our government respects our municipal partners and we are committed to working together to serve the people of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance

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