



August 24, 2021

Dear Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks:

As you know, [O. Reg. 157/20](#), Work Deployment Measures for Municipalities (“the order”), has been providing Ontario’s municipalities with the flexibility to deploy certain staff to where they are needed most as they respond to COVID-19.

I am reaching out to you today to request information to help assess the continued need for the order moving forward. **I am asking municipalities to provide information on the usage of this order by completing a short [questionnaire](#) by Wednesday September 8, 2021.**

While I recognize this is a busy time for municipalities, this information is important to inform our decision-making going forward, including whether there is a continued need for this emergency-related order. **We need this information in order to justify continued renewal, so we will consider a non-reply as though the order is no longer required in your municipality.**

If you have questions about the order or the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact mmah.eo@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Manson-Smith".

Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister