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His Worship Dan O'Mara  
Mayor  
Town of Temagami  
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Dear Mayor O'Mara:

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation.

I am following up on the discussion regarding joint federal and provincial funding for the renewal of aging infrastructure.

Thank you for sharing your updates on a government site that was previously used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) that you would like to convert to residential use, and your concerns on receiving funding to both Temagami North and Temagami South. I understand that your town has already received funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) and that you are still experiencing challenges with capital costs.

I understand the pressure the town is facing. Currently, the ministry does not have any intakes under ICIP to support funding requests. The federal funding under ICIP has been fully allocated, and I have been calling on the federal government to continue supporting the sustainability and growth of critical infrastructure in Ontario through a new round of federal-provincial infrastructure funding. Our government has re-iterated its infrastructure priorities are to protect, support and build communities. This includes critical infrastructure for all municipalities to be able to fund road, water, sewer, and other housing-enabling infrastructure that our growing communities need.

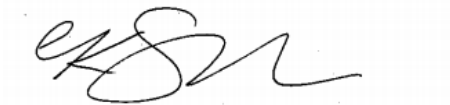
Additionally, the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) provides eligible municipalities with funding to repair and rehabilitate core infrastructure including road, bridge, water, wastewater and stormwater projects. Recipients may accumulate their annual grant funding for up to five years to address eligible larger projects to renew and rehabilitate core infrastructure.

The government has one of the most ambitious capital plans in Ontario's history. Thousands of infrastructure projects are being planned or are under construction across Ontario. As outlined in the 2023 Budget, we have \$185 billion in planned investments over the next decade – including \$20.7 billion in 2023–24 to support priority projects such as transit, highways, schools, hospitals, and long-term care.

Ontario recognizes that upgrading community infrastructure is vital to support a growing population and to provide dependable services people rely on, and that the need for municipal infrastructure investment is far from fully met. We encourage all municipalities to call on the federal government to request more infrastructure funding to help address local needs of municipalities across the province.

Thank you again for meeting with myself and the Ministry of Infrastructure. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Surma', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

The Honourable Kinga Surma  
Minister of Infrastructure