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Her Worship Andrea Matrosovs  
Mayor  
The Town of Blue Mountains  
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Dear Mayor Andrea Matrosovs:

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation.

I understand the pressure the town is facing. That is why, through the 2023 Fall Economic Statement (FES), the province introduced the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) to assist municipalities in developing, repairing, rehabilitating, and expanding drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to support new housing development. It has been informed by data, consultations and complements other housing-related initiatives like the Building Faster Fund. Since the announcement of the program, Ontario has significantly increased its investment, bringing the fund total to \$1.2 billion.

On behalf of the ministry, I would like to congratulate the Town of Blue Mountains on their successful HEWSF application for upgrades and rehabilitation of your wastewater system. I look forward to working with you on this project in the coming months.

In addition, the 2024 Ontario Budget introduced the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP), a \$1 billion initiative aimed at supporting core municipal infrastructure projects to help unlock more homes and promote growth in communities. This program focuses on the construction, repair, rehabilitation, and expansion of essential infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water systems to sustain housing needs. Increases to HEWSF was the first step in delivering on this investment. Under this program, Ontario is investing \$400 million to launch the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) Stream that aims to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will enable new housing opportunities and ensure communities have reliable roads and bridge assets. For any additional questions or concerns, you may contact the ministry by emailing [MHIP@ontario.ca](mailto:MHIP@ontario.ca).

The remaining funding under MHIP will help municipalities target other key infrastructure priorities, including maintaining the health and safety of local water and wastewater systems. More information about this funding, including eligibility and application intake details, will be announced next year.

Together the MHIP and the HEWSF will provide municipalities with over \$1.9 billion in provincial funding for housing and community-enabling infrastructure. We understand the importance of investing in critical core infrastructure to support growth, as well as the

importance of supporting all municipalities, especially small, rural and northern municipalities.

Thank you again for meeting with the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Kinga Surma  
Minister of Infrastructure