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Dear Head and Members of Council:

The Ontario government is committed to delivering positive change by giving communities the tools and flexibility they need to grow strong, safe and livable.

As you know, last week I announced the start of public consultations on the need for reforms to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and the *Planning Act*, proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, and on the need for implementation tools to facilitate better planning and strong communities in Ontario.

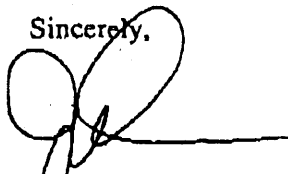
During the months of June and July, town hall meetings/public information sessions will be open to all Ontarians. We will be accepting views, comments and written submissions until Tuesday, August 31, 2004.

Our consultation will take us to communities where we will speak with as many people as possible. Town hall meetings/public information sessions will be held in the GTA (central, east and west), Windsor, Vaughan, Hamilton/Niagara, Pickering, Kingston, London, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Oakville and Sudbury.

A schedule of dates, time and locations of the town hall meetings/public information sessions is attached. To obtain copies of the consultation documents, please visit our website www.planningreform.ontario.ca, and/or call the toll-free line 1-866-751-8082, or (416) 645-8082 in Toronto.

With input from the people of Ontario, our government is confident of developing a framework for a land-use planning system that would help achieve a higher quality of life in our urban and rural communities.

Sincerely,



John Gerretsen
Minister
Enclosures

Town Hall Meetings/Public Information Sessions

Town Hall Meetings/Public Information Sessions on planning reform will be held in the following communities from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A brief presentation on planning reform will take place at 7:00pm.

Windsor	June 8	Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre 121 University Avenue West
Vaughan	June 10	Bellagio 8540 Jane Street
Toronto (Downtown)	June 15	St. Lawrence Market (North) 92 Front Street East
Toronto (East)	June 16	Stephen Leacock Collegiate Institute Auditorium 2450 Birchmount Avenue, Scarborough
Toronto (West)	June 17	Resurrection Hall 1 Resurrection Road, Etobicoke
Hamilton / Niagara	June 22	Americana Conference Resort 8444 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls
Pickering	June 24	Dunbarton High School East Gym 655 Sheppard Avenue
Kingston	June 29	Memorial Hall Kingston City Hall 216 Ontario Street
London	July 6	Royal Canadian Legion, Duchess of Kent Branch # 263 499 Hill Street
Thunder Bay	July 8	Oliver Road Community Centre 563 Oliver Road
Ottawa	July 12	Ottawa Congress Centre 55 Colonel By Drive
Oakville	July 13	Oakville Conference Centre 2515 Wyecroft Road
Sudbury	July 15	Cambrian College John T. Koski Centre 1400 Barrydowne Road