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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for writing and providing your suggestions regarding the changes made to the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) as part of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. Our government remains committed to ensuring that heritage properties important to communities across Ontario are protected and conserved, while also supporting Ontario's future growth and our government's efforts to build 1.5 million homes.

On May 27, 2024, through Bill 200, Homeowner Protection Act, 2024, the Government of Ontario proposed amendments to the OHA that, if passed, would extend the review period for legacy listed properties by an additional two years. This means that municipalities would now have until January 1, 2027, to issue a notice of intention to designate for these properties or otherwise have them removed from the register.

The newly proposed amendments are the result of feedback received from municipalities, community organizations and the public, and, if passed, will alleviate administrative pressures while still meeting the intent of the original amendments to the OHA and its regulations, aimed at increasing housing supply and supporting the growth of our province.

The ministry will continue to work closely with municipalities and communities to monitor the implementation of these changes and to advance our shared conservation goals.

Once again, thank you for sharing your feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Ford".

Hon. Michael D. Ford  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism