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Your Worship  
Mayor Rob Burton  
Town of Oakville  
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Gary Carr  
Regional Chair  
Region of Halton  
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Dear Mayor Burton and Chair Carr:

I am writing in respect of the Glen Abbey Golf Course lands (the "lands"). I am aware that the future use, heritage protection and related matters concerning the lands have been the source of considerable interest in the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton for several years. In particular, I am aware that the owner of the lands is seeking approvals for development applications that would facilitate a large mixed-use development on the lands, while the Town is seeking to protect the cultural heritage landscape on the lands.

I understand the significant local interest in these matters and wish to assure you that these matters are of provincial interest as well. To that end, I have instructed staff with my Ministry to work with municipal staff to explore approaches for dealing with these matters.

While any decisions on the use of provincial tools in relation to the lands lies with me and my Cabinet colleagues, we recognize the importance of local input into matters of local importance. If the Town Council or the Region Council, as the duly-elected representatives of the impacted local community, have a specific proposal for the use of any provincial tool in relation to the lands, I would request that you formally identify that for me through a council resolution. A clear articulation of the local municipal desire in this regard will help ensure the most efficient and timely decision-making.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that local and provincial interests are appropriately protected in relation to the lands.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark, written in a cursive style.

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith