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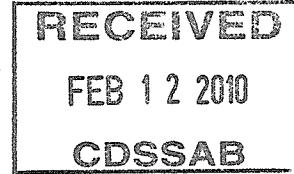
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Mr. Gary Scripnick  
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Dear Mr. Scripnick:

Thank you for your recent letter to me and to my colleague the Honourable Gerry Phillips, former Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, regarding the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario. As Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry, I appreciate the participation of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) in this important initiative, including the position paper your association published in February 2009.

I am pleased to receive NOSDA's recommendations that follow the release of the Proposed Growth Plan. I have forwarded a copy of your letter and recommendations to the Growth Plan Team which has been gathering input from stakeholders across Northern Ontario. Updates on Growth Plan activities can be found on the Places To Grow website at <https://www.placestogrow.ca>.

Thank you as well for advising me that you will be extending an invitation to me and to ministry staff to attend the NOSDA Annual General Meeting in April 2010. When you have your meeting details finalized, please contact Eric Bianchini my Scheduling Assistant, to determine if my schedule at that time will permit my attendance at the event. Eric can be reached at (416) 325-5207.

Once again, thank you for writing, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Michael Gravelle, MPP, Thunder Bay-Superior North  
Minister

c: The Honourable Brad Duguid  
Minister of Energy and Infrastructure