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Dear Sir/Madam:

Further to my letter sent on July 4, 2017, I would like to send this as a friendly reminder that the Surplus Property Transition Initiative is open and accepting applications.

The new initiative allows community proponents to request additional time to support planning for the creation of community hubs at surplus provincial, school board or hospital properties. With the agreement of the current property owner, properties selected through this process would be maintained in public ownership, for up to 18 months, while community proponents develop their business plans, partnerships, and funding arrangements. Temporary "on-hold" funding will be provided (if required) to cover ongoing operating and maintenance costs incurred by the current owners to ensure that the selected properties can be held in the public domain. Details including eligibility criteria and application forms are available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/surplus-property-transition-initiative>.

The application window has been open since July 4, 2017, and a number of applications have already been received. We encourage those interested to submit their applications as soon as possible, as the deadline is on October 16, 2017. We cannot consider applications submitted after that date. Please contact the Ministry of Infrastructure Community Hubs Division at community.hubs@ontario.ca if you have any questions regarding the Surplus Property Transition Initiative.

We look forward to continuing this important dialogue and working with local leaders to support community led solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Chiarelli".

Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Infrastructure

c. Karen Pitre, Special Advisor to the Premier on Community Hubs