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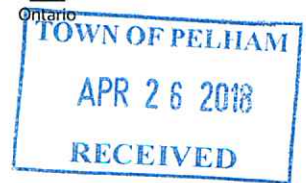
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Your Worship  
Mayor Dave Augustyn  
Town of Pelham  
PO Box 400  
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200 Pelham Town Square  
Fonthill ON L0S1E0

Dear Mayor Augustyn:

Thank you for your letter regarding a local request for a provincial municipal audit.

The provincial government recognizes municipalities as responsible and accountable governments, with the authority to make decisions on matters within their own jurisdictions, including management of their finances. As such, the Ministry will not be proceeding with a provincial municipal audit.

I encourage both the Town of Pelham and the Niagara Regional Council to work together to address these issues locally. I will also be sending a similar letter to Niagara Region advising them of my decision.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Mauro  
Minister