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Your Worship
Mayor Marvin Junkin
Town of Pelham

Dear Mayor Junkin,

Thank you for your application to the second intake of the **Municipal Modernization Program** and for your commitment to delivering modern, efficient services that are financially sustainable.

Under the third-party review stream, I am pleased to inform you that the Ford government will provide funding of up to \$60,000 towards:

- Town of Pelham and Town of Lincoln Joint Public Library Merger Review

All funding is for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a final report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings and efficiencies by November 30, 2021.

In 2019, the Ford government launched the MMP to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective. The impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak have made this work more important than ever. The projects selected for funding under the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program will further support municipalities' efforts to implement efficiencies, with a focus on digital modernization, service integration, streamlining development approvals and alternative service delivery.

I understand how important this work will be to your community. To help you get started, an interim payment will be issued following execution of a transfer payment agreement. Ministry staff will forward instructions and a transfer payment agreement for each approved project in the coming days and will work with you to have it finalized. If you have questions, please contact your municipal advisor, or email municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Clark" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Clark
Minister

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