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The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Dear Minister Clark:

**Re: Consultations on Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct**

Thank you for moving forward with the important work of strengthening measures to address serious municipal code of conduct violations. The ministry's announcement yesterday of a consultation process is an essential step in advancing discussions on this important matter of public policy.

We are pleased the work that the AMO Board of Directors has undertaken on this issue is a feature of the consultation. It will assist in a more informed dialogue and a better understanding of the challenges municipal councils are facing when serious code of conduct violations occur.

As I have stated previously, municipal councils are looking for new tools and new measures to address modern challenges in local government. Where there are serious code of conduct violations, municipal councils need the authority to take actions that are measured, appropriate and effective.

These are complex matters. Reflecting the input and a wide variety of stakeholders will be an important part of moving forward with concrete changes that support enhanced municipal accountability.

AMO looks forward to working with the government as the process moves forward.

Sincerely



Graydon Smith  
AMO President  
Mayor of the Town of Bracebridge

Cc Honourable Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues