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Petition relating to Stop the Municipal Land Transfer Tax-- tabled December 1, 2015 by Ms. Thompson, December 7, 2015 by Mr. Clark, and February 22, 2016 by Mr. Pettapiece

Response:

The province has a strong record of supporting and working with municipalities to ensure that they are able to provide the services their communities need.

As part of the review of the Municipal Act, we consulted with the municipal sector to discuss how municipalities can better use their existing financial tools, and to determine what, if any, barriers exist in the Act.

In assessing the feedback we received, we heard many concerns about the possibility of a municipal land transfer tax. Our government is committed to listening to the concerns of Ontarians, and that is why our government announced last December that we are not providing municipalities with the option to levy a land transfer tax.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted McMeekin", written over a circular scribble.

Ted McMeekin
Minister