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His Worship Christian Provenzano
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Provenzano:

I would like to thank you for meeting with me on March 10, 2017. There were many positive aspects to our discussion. I look forward to continuing our dialogue on how we can work together on economic development and the implementation of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

As part of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, the government proposed new measures to lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers as well as initiatives to reduce costs for industrial consumers.

Furthermore, the government has committed to removing the Rural or Remote Rate Protection charge and the Ontario Electricity Support Program charge from all consumer bills and instead funding the programs from provincial revenues.

We are also proposing to expand the Industrial Conservation Initiative to include smaller manufacturers (i.e., North American Industry Classification System codes commencing in "31", "32" and "33") with average peak demand greater than 500 kilowatts and less than 1 megawatt.

I appreciate your continued partnership with our government in working together to create conditions for economic growth and prosperity in Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie in particular.

Thank you again for meeting with me and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister

