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December 2, 2019

Her Worship Pauline Rochefort  
Mayor  
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Dear Mayor Rochefort:

Our government recognizes that a strong forest sector is essential to building a future with a better quality of life for the people of Ontario, and especially for those in Indigenous, northern and rural communities.

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has developed a draft strategy for Ontario's forest sector, based on early feedback gathered from municipal and industry stakeholders, and Indigenous communities.

The draft strategy is supported by four pillars: promoting stewardship and sustainability; putting more wood to work; improving our cost competitiveness; and fostering innovation, markets and talent. I encourage you to participate in upcoming consultation

sessions, which will be organized in the coming weeks. My ministry's staff will be providing details on these sessions soon.

The draft forest sector strategy also proposes to establish an advisory committee to provide advice and oversight on implementing the strategy's action items. Advisory committee members would be selected from various stakeholder groups, including municipalities.

I invite you to review the proposed forest sector strategy on the Environmental Registry and look forward to your feedback. The strategy will be available for public comment starting on December 4, 2019.

Working together, I am confident we can make Ontario's forest sector more vibrant and dynamic than ever before.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Minister***

John Yakabuski  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry