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His Worship  
Mayor Mary S. Hughes  
Township of Oro-Medonte  
148 Line 7 South, PO Box 100  
Oro ON L0L 2X0

Terry Dowdall  
Deputy Warden  
County of Simcoe  
Administration Centre  
1110 Highway 26  
Midhurst ON L0L 1X0

Dear Mayor Hughes and Deputy Warden Dowdall:

The Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Economic Employment District is one of four areas in Simcoe County identified in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 for its regionally and locally significant employment uses. The location, boundary and permitted uses for this economic employment district to support airport-related economic development are established in the Growth Plan.

It has come to my attention that there is private interest in developing an automotive innovation park within the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Economic Employment District. In the interests of advancing economic development in Oro-Medonte and the larger Simcoe region, I would like to express my interest in this potential development. To move forward, and subject to confirmation from you regarding your support for this initiative, I would like my Ministry staff to work with Township and County staff on the associated issues such as land use compatibility with the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport, impacts on affected landowners and stakeholders, and implications for official plan policies and zoning by-laws. In this way, it is my hope that we can arrive at a successful outcome in a timely manner that also supports local decision-making and creates investment opportunities and jobs.

Ministry staff will reach out to you in the near future, but if you have any questions at this time please contact Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Growth Secretariat, at 416-325-5803.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark  
Minister