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By email

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Larry Martin
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Dear Warden Martin:

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to speak with me, and members of my staff, during the virtual 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference on August 16, 2021.

The AMO annual conference continues to serve as a valuable forum for municipalities across Ontario to discuss the unique needs of Ontario communities.

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation from the County of Oxford to discuss a number of topics including the costs of courthouse security and prisoner transportation and the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program.

As expressed during our meeting, the Ministry of the Solicitor General acknowledges that there are some challenges with the current CSPT TP program and that is why, in September 2020, the ministry hired an independent consultant, Goss Gilroy Inc., to conduct a review of the court security and prisoner transportation process in Ontario, including the design of the CSPT TP Program.

This review is part of the ministry's ongoing work to reduce court delays, leverage technology and improve public safety to build a more responsive and efficient justice system. I look forward to reviewing recommendations and working with partners to determine how to move forward. As shared during our meeting, no changes will be made to the CSPT TP program for the next fiscal year and we look forward to sharing updates in the future.

Our meeting was productive, and I appreciate the valuable insights you and your delegation provided during our discussion.

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Our government understands the importance of working with our municipal partners and we remain committed to serving and meeting the needs of communities across Ontario.

Thank you again for meeting with us at the 2021 AMO conference and I look forward to continued collaboration between the County of Oxford and the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General