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I am pleased to share information about a new initiative to transform Ontario's heritage framework. This initiative will ensure that Ontario is future-ready to deliver effective regulatory oversight and make timely decisions that supports our government's ambitious plan to build housing and other critical infrastructure across the province.

Ontario's heritage framework has not undergone comprehensive review and reform in over a decade. That is why we will be undertaking a phased, multi-year initiative that will create a stronger regulatory framework benefitting all those who are engaged in planning, development and heritage conservation.

As we undertake this initiative, it is important that we hear from our partners and stakeholders, to inform this work at every step. Phase one of this work will include research and consultation with Indigenous communities and sector stakeholders. Further communications will be forthcoming regarding how partners and stakeholders can participate.

Together, we will enhance the effectiveness of Ontario's regulatory oversight to ensure it is updated, flexible and responsive to stakeholder needs and government priorities. This will increase certainty, confidence and have the potential for cost and time savings for government, development partners and proponents.

We look forward to collaborating on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Hon. Graham McGregor

Acting Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism