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By email only steve.clark@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Request for Ministerial Zoning Order

As you are aware, the City of Stratford has been working in partnership with Perth County and the Township of Perth South in full consultation with Provincial staff to secure a new major investment for our community and for Ontario. We have secured an agreement in principal with Xinyi Glass Canada to build the company's first manufacturing facility in North America, a great accomplishment. To make this investment a reality, our three municipal Councils have approved the proposed annexation of lands from Perth South into Stratford, and have submitted our boundary adjustment proposal for your Ministry's consideration.

At this juncture, we respectfully request additional assistance from your government to help make this important investment in our economy possible. We are seeking your assistance in obtaining a Ministerial Zoning Order, including addressing the issue of Official Plan conformity. We recognize that a Ministerial Zoning Order is only used in unique circumstances. We can confirm that the requested Ministerial Zoning Order is critical in order to meet key construction deadlines, as Xinyi expects to break ground in Spring 2020. We also note that the lands proposed for annexation are a natural extension of an existing industrial area in Stratford that already accommodates a variety of users, including heavy manufacturing.

Given our time constraints and the significance of this investment opportunity, we respectfully ask that you reconsider our request for a Ministerial Zoning Order. This

project will create 400 new jobs in the Province, of which 350 are expected to be local hires. This opportunity comes at a critical time for Stratford, Perth South, and Perth County, as the 2021 closure of the Maple Leaf plant will result in the loss of 500 jobs in our community. The Ministerial Zoning Order is a crucial part of making this important investment in our economic future a reality.

The City of Stratford, County of Perth, and the Township of Perth South are available to discuss this proposal in further detail at your convenience.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this request; we look forward to working with you to make this critical economic investment a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Mathieson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "M".

Dan Mathieson, Mayor

cc: Premier Rob Ford
Randy Pettapiece, MPP
James Aitcheson, Warden, Perth County
Robert Wilhelm, Mayor, Township of Perth South