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CORRECTION NOTICE - A previous version of this email contained an incorrect link. The correct link to our full pre-budget submission can be found in the button below.

**Advocacy Update:
2023 Pre-Budget Submission**

We are proud to participate in the Province's Pre-Budget Consultation, providing recommendations that favour a resilient future for municipalities, with provincial-municipal partnership at the forefront. Given the unprecedented impacts to municipal financial sustainability, administration, governance, and operations over the past few months, our pre-budget submission brings a wide-angle lens to the challenges facing Ontario communities.

We offer the following recommendations to the Province to ensure that municipalities can be partners in securing a sustainable future for Ontario:

- Provide financial support for municipal budget shortfalls due to reductions in development charges and other financial impacts resulting from Bill 23.
- Re-start the Municipal Modernization Program and Audit and Accountability Fund to focus on assisting municipalities with implementing projects that require upfront financial investment for long-term returns and efficiencies. Consider how these programs can also support municipal internship components, and provide municipalities with enough time to make proposals while reducing application and reporting burdens.
- Collect, analyze, and act on the recommendations put forward by municipal experts working in planning, finance, parks and recreation, and conservation authorities to address the significant unintended consequences and financial impacts identified in Bills 3, 23 and 39.
- Co-design solutions and collaborate with municipalities and municipal professionals to ensure that the Province understands local impacts, challenges and opportunities before introducing measures that negatively impact Ontario's communities.
- Protect and expand existing funding sources and investigate additional funding sources that appropriately address the infrastructure gap and tie these to inflation.

To re-build a strong provincial-municipal partnership, our 2023 pre-budget submission also includes recommended principles to guide future policy analysis and decision-making.

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