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His Worship Gary McNamara  
Mayor  
Town of Tecumseh  
917 Lesperance Road  
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Dear Mayor McNamara: *Gary,*

Thank you for your letter and your interest in our government's Job Site Challenge program. I appreciate the time you took to identify prospective shovel-ready sites within the Town of Tecumseh.

The Job Site Challenge is an important step in our government's plan to attract new manufacturing and investment opportunities to the auto sector. Thousands of Ontarians work in jobs that depend on the auto industry, and a new auto assembly plant — like the eight we already have in Ontario — will bring additional good-paying jobs to the community, as well as thousands of other good jobs at parts suppliers from across the province.

We have already heard from a number of Ontario municipalities that are interested in participating in the Job Site Challenge, and we expect to hear from more. We are now in the early phases of developing this program and additional details, including program intake information and next steps, will be shared with you as soon as they become available.

In the meantime, we can confirm that, as part of the selection process, we will be assessing prospective sites to determine whether they are suitable for the purposes of the Job Site Challenge, including how much effort and investment would be needed to obtain the necessary site approvals and servicing. Selected sites will then be marketed through the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

We will be working closely with the successful proponents to make sure all development opportunities are competitive and work to address a major concern by automakers — that it takes too long to get the approvals they need before they can break ground on a new plant. That is why we will be streamlining the approvals process for planning, environmental and servicing requirements, without compromising health, environmental and safety standards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ireen Wieditz at 416-212-0696 or [ireen.wieditz2@ontario.ca](mailto:ireen.wieditz2@ontario.ca).

Once again, thank you for writing. I look forward to working with you, and all interested municipalities, to make Ontario open for business and open for jobs.

Sincerely,

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Todd Smith  
Minister of Economic Development,  
Job Creation and Trade

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Ireen Wieditz, Senior Policy Advisor, Red Tape and Regulatory Burden Reduction,  
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