March 6, 2019

Niagara Region
c/o Ron Tripp
Acting CAO

Dear Region of Niagara;
Re: Provincial Review of Regional Government

Following the recent conference call among the heads of Council of the lower tier municipalities including the Regional Municipality of Niagara it was agreed that the 12 Mayors and Chair, whom have signed below, request that the Region, on behalf of the 13 Municipalities undertake the procurement of and facilitation for finances to hire a Government Relations/Communications firm to advise the 13 municipalities on government relations, public polling and communications in regard to the provincial government review of regional government.

Further, this item be included in the Committee of the Whole Agenda for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:30pm at Regional Headquarters.

The CAO’s will coordinate this effort. They will advise on appropriate companies to be considered. The CAO’s will also act in the capacity of selecting said company and preparing sample questions in advance to be used for the public polling.

In their capacity as signing officers, the CAO’s in their guidance to the Heads of Council will liaise with the successful bidder throughout the procurement process to ensure a successful conclusion.

Heads of Council will ensure that their own Councils and Regional Council members are kept apprised of the process.
We are the Mayors and Regional Chair of the Region of Niagara and are in support of this request.

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