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August 8, 2019

Your Worship
Mayor Jeff Lehman
City of Barrie
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Dear Mayor Jeff Lehman,

Thank you for your submission to the *Audit and Accountability Fund* and for your commitment to demonstrating value for money.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario will provide funding of up to $200,000.00 towards the City of Barrie Service Delivery Review for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a final report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings by November 30, 2019.

In the 2019 Ontario Budget, *Protecting What Matters Most*, our government put forward a plan to achieve savings of four cents on the dollar to set Ontario on the path to a sustainable government. As an important part of this plan, our government is committed to assisting large urban municipalities in doing their part to become more efficient. The work the *Audit and Accountability Fund* will support in your municipality is an important step toward achieving that goal.

A transfer payment agreement is required to provide funding for this work. I have enclosed a transfer payment agreement for this project for your review and signing.

Ministry staff will work with your staff to finalize the transfer payment agreement and work through details of funding implementation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marcia Wallace, Assistant Deputy Minister at marcia.wallace@ontario.ca.

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I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval under the *Audit and Accountability Fund* and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Michael Prowse
   CAO, City of Barrie