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Dear Head of Council:

As minister responsible for emergency management, I am proud to release Ontario's first-ever Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan.

This comprehensive plan and approach for emergency management is the first in Canada to require annual and public reporting on progress. This plan will ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies.

The plan is the result of productive and ongoing engagement with municipal and First Nations partners, and other critical emergency management partners. Cooperation, collaboration and communication is the strong foundation upon which this plan was built. This plan reinforces our continued partnership with municipalities and will be further strengthened through ongoing engagement to achieve our collective vision of a safe, practiced and prepared Ontario.

This plan identifies three goals and concrete actions designed to keep Ontario in a state of constant readiness and preparedness—both now and into the future:

- One Window for All Ontarians which positions <u>Emergency Management</u> <u>Ontario</u> to proactively coordinate and facilitate across emergency management partners.
- Proactive Planning and Monitoring that is grounded in data, analytics and knowledge.
- Practiced and Prepared Emergency Response through strengthened local capabilities, emergency management training and public education.

Thank you for your valued partnership as we work together to ensure Ontario is safe, practiced and prepared.

Sincerely,

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria

President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Emergency Management

c: Bernie Derible, Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management, Treasury Board Secretariat