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Dear Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk or Treasurer

As part of the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history, the province is committed to helping rural communities improve vital local infrastructure. That's why we are tripling the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) annually to \$300 million by 2019, which includes providing communities like yours with more stable, predictable and bankable OCIF formula funding.

I am pleased to inform you that we are now accepting proposals for the 2018 intake of OCIF Top-Up Application funding. This intake will provide approximately \$100 million to help communities address larger critical infrastructure projects. **The Municipality of South Huron is eligible to apply for up to \$638,339.** I ask that you share this information with your council as appropriate.

Your community may submit one project proposal, either individually or in partnership with another community. The deadline for submitting proposals for the OCIF Top-Up Application intake is Tuesday August 28, 2018 at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Please note that this is a competitive application process that will assess projects primarily on their critical health and safety aspects. An assessment of the applicant's asset management plan and funding need will also be considered as part of this process. The 2018 program guidelines have been revised to provide additional information on the technical assessment process for each project category.

To consult the program guidelines please visit: www.ontario.ca/municipalinfrastructure. The application form will be made available on this website shortly. Should you have any questions about the application process or your project proposal, please contact your project analyst Mary Wyga at (519) 826-4943 or via email at Mary.Wyga@ontario.ca.

With the municipal elections scheduled to take place on October 22, 2018 and the restrictions placed on municipal council in accordance with section 275 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, you are encouraged to submit your application as early as possible to mitigate potential constraints in advance of or following a potential municipal election.

Sincerely,

Brent Kennedy
Director, Rural Programs Branch