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Statement on Regional Government Review

This morning, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Chief Administrative Officer Mike Galloway met with Special Advisors (Michael Fenn and Ken Seiling) to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to advocate for Caledon's interests in the Province of Ontario's Regional Government Review.

Both Mayor Thompson and the CAO reiterated the important role Caledon plays in the economic and environmental sustainability of the Region of Peel:

- Caledon makes up 56% of the land area of Peel Region,
- 100% of Peel's designated Prime Agricultural Land,
- The vast majority of Peel's designated rural areas and protected countryside, and
- 408 farms in Peel Region, whose gross receipts total over \$94 million, the vast majority which are in Caledon.

"In our discussions with the Special Advisors, we highlighted that while there is always room for improvement, Caledon has worked effectively within the Regional government structure," stated Mayor Thompson. "In this review process, it is important for them to recognize that every community has unique urban and rural needs and that it's important for Caledon residents and business to have a real chance at providing their feedback, working towards a "Made-In-Peel" solution."

On January 15, 2019, Minister Clark announced the review of eight regional municipalities, including Peel Region. The Regional Government Review will focus on governance, decision-making and service delivery. The Government has indicated that consultation will occur over the Spring of 2019 with recommendations coming forward to the Minister in the Summer of 2019.

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