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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dolmage and Ms. Vernon:

Further to correspondence you recently received from the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI), we invite you to take part in planning discussions regarding demolition activities and planning work in relation to the former Huronia Regional Centre (HRC) campus.

As you know, the property is currently used by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and other government tenants.

In May 2025, the *2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario* was released, and included a commitment to modernize police training facilities to better meet the public safety needs of our growing communities by training more police officers. This plan was identified as a public safety priority and addresses the aging infrastructure and training needs of the OPP Academy.

The OPP, in partnership with the MOI, the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Infrastructure Ontario, are working to advance demolition activities. Consultation and planning work is underway for construction of a new OPP Academy in Orillia, which is expected to include developments on the former HRC campus.

A redevelopment of the site presents a significant opportunity for the OPP to equip new recruits, existing police personnel and Indigenous police partners with the skills needed to respond to the increasing complexity of policing and address urgent specialized training demands.

The OPP has had an ongoing commitment to ensure the history of the former HRC is preserved, recognized and respected. We look forward to open and ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders of these historical lands. There is much we can learn from the past, and with this awareness, the OPP remains committed to serving our province by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.



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We look forward to further discussions with you on this matter. Please contact Superintendent Gary Maracle, Commander, Indigenous Policing Bureau, at [Gary.Maracle@opp.ca](mailto:Gary.Maracle@opp.ca) to arrange for a mutually agreeable meeting time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final flourish.

Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.

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