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Dear Stakeholder,

Today, the McGuinty government has taken an important next step towards the revitalization of Ontario Place. The government has accepted the Minister's Advisory Panel report and all its recommendations. In doing so, we are endorsing a new vision for Ontario Place: a year-round, mixed-use waterfront community and open parkland where people can live, work, play and discover at the water's edge.

I want to thank you for your participation in this process, which has helped us to achieve this key milestone. As we move forward to realize our vision, we invite your ongoing involvement. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport will continue to seek input from our stakeholders and the public and share project updates. It is through your ideas and feedback, and the contributions of all Ontarians that, together we can create an Ontario Place that is open to all to experience and enjoy.

The next step is to undertake technical due diligence, including an initial site investigation and the commencement of important pre-environmental assessment work. We will also start conversations with our partners and the private sector. This work will lay the foundation for project planning so that we can make informed choices about Ontario Place's future.

This is an exciting time for Ontario tourism. The tourism industry is already a major economic driver for our province. The revitalization of Ontario Place is a significant and large-scale project; one that will serve as a catalyst in growing the tourism industry and strengthening its impact on Ontario's economy and prosperity. As outlined in *Discovering Ontario: A report on the future of tourism*, a revitalized Ontario Place should be the flagship for a new era of Ontario tourism.

We are on the right path to redeveloping Ontario Place. Once again, thank you for your support. As we chart a course for transformation, we look forward to continuing the conversation with you so that Ontario Place can once again become an iconic destination on the shores of Lake Ontario, and a showcase for our province and people.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Chan".

Michael Chan
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