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To: All municipal heads of council and CAOs, planning board members and members of the Aboriginal community

In Ontario, municipalities and Aboriginal communities are increasingly working together on local matters. They are developing positive relationships to help address issues of mutual concern.

Municipal-Aboriginal Relationships: Case Studies, which is available at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page6054.aspx, is designed to help municipalities learn about the opportunities and responsibilities for consulting with Aboriginal communities. This document includes examples of recent experiences where Ontario municipalities and neighbouring Aboriginal communities built effective partnerships to improve the quality of life in their areas.

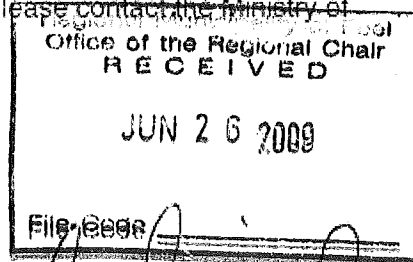
The Ontario government is committed to involving Aboriginal peoples on decisions that affect their communities and help them build a sustainable future. We continue to encourage municipalities to actively work with Aboriginal communities. We are confident that progress continues to be made.

We hope you will find *Municipal-Aboriginal Relationships: Case Studies* helpful. Should you have any questions or require a hard copy of this document please contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at 416-585-7297.

Sincerely,

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