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Honourable Donna Cansfield
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Dear Minister Cansfield,

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister of Transportation for the Province on Ontario.

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce has been contacted on a number of occasions regarding the need for proper signage for attractions and highways in our region. In particular, it has come to our attention that there is a need for a sign indicating the turn for Kettle Lakes Provincial Park for people who are travelling south to the park. Currently, tourists who may be unfamiliar with the area and travelling to the park from locations north of Timmins, such as Cochrane and Iroquois Falls, will easily miss the turn-off to the park.

A second feature that is lacking proper signage is the turn-off to Highway 655 in Timmins. Individuals who are travelling west-bound along Highway 101 (Algonquin Blvd.) have no signage indicating the location of the Highway 655 turn-off. Once again, people unfamiliar with the area frequently miss Highway 655 due to the current situation.

As a result of the concerns heard by the Timmins Chamber of Commerce, we urge the Ministry of Transportation to erect proper signage for the above mentioned locations.

Proper signage for regional highways and attractions, such as provincial parks, is essential for individuals unfamiliar to the area. In addition, having proper signage in the Timmins area adds to the overall appearance of the City and to the convenience of travelling in the region. Having clear signage for local features helps to make Timmins a better place in which to live, work and visit.

Sincerely,

Tom Laughren
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