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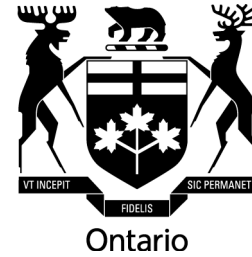
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Dear Ms. Voutsinos:

Thank you for your letter about the transfer of the Kemptville campus to the Ministry of the Solicitor General. As Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I am pleased to respond.

I appreciate you taking the time to make your concerns known. Please know our government is committed to supporting our rural communities.

As you may know, the majority of the former Kemptville campus and institutional buildings (over 600 acres and 36 buildings) were transferred to the Municipality of North Grenville. I believe the plans the Municipality has to create a community-based hub focused education and training, health and wellness, and economic development will enrich Kemptville and the entire municipality for generations to come.

I want to assure you that as part of any disposition of provincial lands, great care is taken to ensure any environmental, archeological and heritage attributes are considered. We are also providing Rural Economic Development program funding to support agri-food education for youth on the site of former Kemptville campus. This funding will help the Kemptville Campus Education and Community Centre to develop a bilingual pilot program to teach skills in agri-food entrepreneurship for youth. This initiative will engage youth from the campus's four partnering school boards and the community, to build a thriving ecosystem for agri-food entrepreneurship.

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The parcel you refer to in your letter is being transferred to the Ministry of the Solicitor General. With the transfer of the former Kemptville campus substantially completed, I am unable to assist you. I have shared your letter with Ontario's Solicitor General, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, to ensure she is aware of your concerns and suggestions.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

c: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General