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Ian McLean, President and CEO  
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Dear Mr. McLean,

On October 30, 2015, the Government of Ontario announced my appointment as a Special Advisor to assist the Province in bringing high-speed rail (HSR) to the Windsor, London, Kitchener-Waterloo and Toronto corridor. I am pleased to write you today to explain the role that I will play in advancing this important initiative, and to invite you to a meeting in your community.

I have been tasked to work with public and private sector stakeholders, including First Nation and Métis partners, to identify economic development opportunities associated with high-speed trains, assess international experience with HSR and provide advice on potential financing models. I look forward to incorporating feedback from key partners into my work to maximize the benefits of this project in a timely manner.

To that end, I am pleased to invite you or your representative to a meeting in Kitchener-Waterloo on February 4, 2016 at a venue to be confirmed in the near future. This meeting will provide the opportunity for Mayors and Chairs from the study area, municipal transportation planning officials, business leaders, and Aboriginal leaders to have a broad discussion on this important initiative. This meeting will be the start of a larger conversation to explore how we work together to make high-speed rail a reality in Ontario.

I encourage you to join us on February 4, 2016 along with any staff members or stakeholders that you deem appropriate. Please RSVP by January 8, 2016 to Karrah Fogg at 416-585-7290 or via email at [karrah.fogg@ontario.ca](mailto:karrah.fogg@ontario.ca). Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Collenette".

Hon. David Collenette, P.C., F.C.I.L.T  
Special Advisor, High Speed Rail