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**FROM:** Kevin Finnerty  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on Ontario Heritage Act amendments

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Dear heritage sector stakeholders:

As you know, the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) recently consulted on a proposed regulation under the Ontario Heritage Act that was associated with the legislative amendments made through the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019. The proposed regulation and legislative amendments were due to come into force on January 1, 2021. I am writing to let you know that proclamation of the amendments and the regulation have been delayed.

The proposed delay responds to requests from municipalities and heritage organizations to postpone proclamation in order to ensure that municipalities have enough time to prepare for implementing the new processes necessary to comply with the regulatory changes. Municipalities noted that a January 1, 2021 proclamation date would pose significant capacity and operational challenges as they continue to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The ministry will be posting drafts of the updated Ontario Heritage Tool Kit guide for public consultation at a later date and will communicate further on a proposed proclamation date at that time.

Please reach out to your regular ministry contacts if you have questions. If you do not know who to ask, send an email to [heritage@ontario.ca](mailto:heritage@ontario.ca) and the appropriate staff person will respond.

Thank you for your understanding during these extraordinary circumstances.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kevin Finnerty".

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