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Ms. Moore,

As you are likely aware, noxious weeds, namely wild parsnip, have become a significant concern in Eastern Ontario.

Recognizing this, and responsibilities under the *Weed Control Act*, Council has approved a noxious weed spraying program in 2016 along municipal roads. This is occurring in coordination with a United Counties of Leeds and Grenville program for County roads.

In consideration of this program, Council directed that a letter be sent to your office seeking your support for, and implementation of, similar action along Highway 15.

As I trust you appreciate, jurisdictional coordination is key in effective noxious weed management programs. Areas left unaddressed can represent significant seed repositories. This can result in cleared areas being recolonized. The direct physical connections between local roads and Highway 15 represent a key transmission pathway.

Inaction on your Ministry's part could have the effect of undoing the work done, and investments made.

The Township's Council looks forward to your timely consideration and response on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Dwyer', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael Dwyer  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Township of Rideau Lakes

Cc: Steve Clark, MPP (via email)