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**Memo to Chief Administrative Officers re:
Licence Plate Renewal**

I am writing to provide further information regarding the Government of Ontario's announcement on Feb. 15, 2024, regarding proposed changes to the way licence plates are renewed in Ontario.

The government has announced it will be introducing legislation related to the renewal of licence plates in the coming days, and more details regarding the proposed changes will be released over the coming months.

It is important to note the Government of Ontario is not eliminating licence plate renewals nor is it proposing changes to the plate denial process. The introduction of a new plate renewal process will not change the way municipalities collect unpaid fines.

Plate denial information will continue to support municipal fine collection. As a plate nears its expiry date, the automated system will check if the plate has fines, outstanding tolls, or insurance issues. If the plate has none of these issues, it will be renewed automatically for one year. If the plate has any of these issues, renewal will not proceed and the vehicle owner will be notified that they need to take action, which will include paying any fines or their plate will expire.

Expired plates will continue to be subject to roadside enforcement.

MTO and partner ministries have consulted with key stakeholders, including municipal court managers, throughout the development of this proposal. Further consultations will be held in spring 2024 to discuss the proposal in more detail.

We thank you for your support on this important initiative.

If you have further questions, please contact Katie De Palma at katie.depalma@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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