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### **The UCPR seeking public input regarding vacant commercial and industrial lands and properties**

L'Original, February 20, 2020 – The United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR) is seeking the public's feedback related to the property tax treatment of vacant commercial and industrial lands and properties.

Since 2017, the Province of Ontario has provided municipalities with broad flexibility to tailor the treatment of unimproved and/or underutilized commercial and industrial properties.

“The UCPR Council intends to seek regulatory authority to eliminate these initiatives, due to their inefficiencies, and as we would instead prefer to focus our efforts on promoting measures that favour the sustainable development of our communities,” explained Pierre Leroux, Warden of the UCPR Council.

Property owners are therefore invited to provide their feedback on the potential implications of these changes, to better inform the final decision-making process. For this purpose, a survey is available online at <https://secure.mte.ca/prescott russell> until March 6, 2020.

For more information about these initiatives, please visit [en.prescott-russell.on.ca/services/finances](http://en.prescott-russell.on.ca/services/finances).

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