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Dear Mr. Iannicca:

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2022 Association of Municipalities Ontario Annual Conference. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation.

I am following up on the discussion regarding the Region's request for increased allocation-based funding to support housing and infrastructure projects that are in line with asset management plans, and to help address cost escalations.

The Ministry remains committed to ensuring Ontario's infrastructure is a top priority for this government. Ontario recognizes that the need for infrastructure investment is far from fully met, and I encourage the Region to call on the federal government to request more stable and flexible infrastructure funding to address local needs of municipalities across the province.

We continue to work with the federal government and other jurisdictions to ensure that where possible, we are sharing solutions to growing global demand and competition for critical supplies and remain committed to building our province's domestic supply capacity. Ontario also recognizes that inflationary pressures resulting from COVID-19 and ongoing supply chain disruptions are driving up costs for all Ontarians.

As you also raised issues with respect to support for housing. I am also sharing this letter with the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing for his awareness.

Thank you again for meeting with the Ministry of Infrastructure. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Amarjot Sandhu
Parliamentary Assistant to the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing
Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis

September 7, 2022

Amarjot Sandhu MPP (Brampton West)
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Dear MPP Sandhu:

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, thank you for meeting with our delegation on August 16th at this year's AMO Conference. We appreciated the discussion on the how investing in infrastructure can contribute to building a stronger economy during these times of economic uncertainty and help address continued community growth and related service pressures.

As discussed during our meeting, while child care, housing and infrastructure are municipally funded economic drivers, the rapid growth of Peel communities leads to service pressures in these, and other, priority service areas. To help the Region maintain and construct infrastructure, we continue seeking improvements in the design of infrastructure programs. We appreciate the steps taken last year by the Province and the federal government to use an allocation-based funding model as part of the Canadian Infrastructure Program's COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Stream.

An allocation funding model enables the Region to invest in priority projects consistent with our asset management plan. The allocation model could also help reduce the overall cost for municipal infrastructure projects by avoiding price fluctuations and contractor shortages associated with application-based funding.

In addition, the Region requires increased provincial funding for housing infrastructure in order to maintain Peel's housing stock service levels. Long-term underfunding for housing has created an extraordinary need in Peel, resulting in pressure never before felt by the community housing system. The Region's Housing corporation, Peel Living, has 10-year Capital State of Good Repair requirements that are not fully funded, amounting to a funding gap of \$442 million. Additionally, the Region continues to face a funding gap of \$319 million for Peel's Housing Master Plan, which, if fully funded, would add more than 5,600 emergency, rental and supportive units to Peel's affordable housing stock by 2034. However, with the current economic instability and inflationary pressures, a reassessment may indicate an even larger funding gap and the need for more supportive units needed to meet Peel's housing needs.

Once again, thank you for meeting with Peel's delegation at this year's AMO Conference to discuss these important issues. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,



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Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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