April 28, 2023

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Dear Chair Iannicca:

Thank you for your kind letter and warm words of congratulations. It is an honour to serve the people of Ontario as Associate Minister of Housing.

Our province is facing a housing crisis. Families are being priced out of the housing market, and too many people are feeling like they will never be able to afford a home of their own.

As Associate Minister of Housing, I am determined to ensure that the dream of home ownership is in reach for all Ontarians from every walk of life. It is all hands on deck in Ontario to build more homes, which will rely on strong collaboration from all stakeholders.

Peel Region is experience exponential growth as more families come to the region to build their lives and contribute to our magnificent province. I know that there is much work to do to ensure that attainable and affordable housing is in reach for all Ontarians who call Peel Region home. I am committed to working in partnership with you to get it done.

I welcome continued dialogue with you and all our municipal partners to address evolving housing needs across the province, and I thank you for your kind words of congratulations.

Once again, thank you for your letter and I look forward to working together to achieve success for Ontario.

Sincerely,

Hon. Nina Tangri
Associate Minister – Housing
March 30, 2023

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Dear Minister Tangri,

On behalf of the Region of Peel, congratulations on your appointment as Associate Minister of Housing. We look forward to building on our already productive working relationship with you and your staff as we work to address key issues impacting communities in Peel and across the province.

As you know, Peel Region has worked closely with your government to overcome the unprecedented challenges we have collectively faced over the past few years. The collaborative approach used to meet the needs of Peel’s residents and businesses during the pandemic demonstrates the importance of continued partnership as Ontario’s economy continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Now, more challenges and opportunities lie ahead – perhaps none more pressing than the precarious housing situation in which many of our residents find themselves. Peel’s growing population, combined with the current economic downturn, has escalated affordable housing challenges. In Peel alone, it is estimated that approximately 91,000 households, both low and moderate-income, live in housing that is unsuitable, inadequate, or unaffordable.

We remain committed to working with you to increase housing supply and improving affordability; however, the changes introduced through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act will result in considerable financial impacts and unintended consequences. In particular, the changes will reduce development charges (DCs) funding that is needed to pay for the infrastructure required to support the accelerated housing targets that have been set out. Based on preliminary analysis, we estimate that the DC revenue shortfall could amount to approximately $2 billion over the next 10 years.

There is also a risk to the implementation of Peel’s Housing Master Plan, as the changes introduced in Bill 23 jeopardize funding for this important initiative. As a result, approximately 1,000 units are at risk of cancellation due to the loss of $200 million in DC funding for affordable housing services, and approximately $250 million in matching federal financial commitments are also at risk.

We recognize that Bill 23 is intended to help increase housing supply and improve affordability, however, it is critical that Peel Region, and the municipal sector, is fully compensated for any financial impacts resulting from these new measures.
We will need to work closely to be successful and, as you settle into your new role, we look forward to discussing these matters with you in greater detail in the months ahead.

Congratulations once again and I wish you much success in your new role. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,

Nando Iannicca
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