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**Subject: Proposed Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Planning Roles and Responsibilities of The Regional Municipality of Peel under the *Planning Act* after Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

Dear Gary Kent,

Ontario's success is built on strong partnerships with municipalities. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the Ministry) looks forward to continuing this partnership with the Regional Municipality of Peel (the Region) as the Region becomes an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities as contemplated by the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* (Bill 23).

As you are aware, the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* received Royal Assent on June 6, 2024. The legislation establishes July 1, 2024 as the date for removal of the land use planning responsibilities from the Region and two other upper-tier municipalities.

In recognition of the Region's ongoing role in providing services and infrastructure which is needed to support land use planning decisions, the Ministry is proposing to formalize bi-lateral information sharing through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would outline our joint efforts in the transition and following removal of the Region's land use planning responsibilities.

In accordance with the contemplated removal of planning responsibilities on July 1, 2024, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledges the Region's past efforts in relation to providing land use planning services to communities. In this regard, the Ministry remains committed to fostering a collaborative relationship and values the Region's continued insights as we navigate this transition.

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### **Request for Feedback**

The Ministry is currently seeking feedback on the proposed MOU between the Ministry and the Region to be discussed and signed ahead of, or by July 1, 2024.

The Ministry seeks to confirm the Region's comfort with the roles and responsibilities contemplated in the attached draft MOU and to understand if there are any other matters beyond those already identified in the draft MOU that require further consideration. Moreover, and in light of recommendations that would be put forward by the Peel Region Transition Board, the MOU may be subject to revision to ensure alignment with evolving circumstances.

As you may be aware, Ministry staff are meeting with Regional staff during the coming days and weeks to discuss a variety of matters related to removal of the Region's statutory land use planning responsibilities. This meeting provides an opportunity to discuss and answer questions about the draft MOU, if helpful, and we look forward to discussing this further.

However, the Ministry is also seeking your formal written feedback/comments on the draft MOU and ask that you send these via email preferably by the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024.

Ministry staff are committed to working collaboratively with the Region to ensure a smooth transition and minimize disruption during this process.

Should you require any clarification or assistance regarding the contents of the proposed draft MOU, please do not hesitate to contact Laurie Miller, Regional Director of Planning at [Laurie.Miller@ontario.ca](mailto:Laurie.Miller@ontario.ca).

I look forward to receiving your feedback on this proposal.

Sincerely,



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