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Dear Chair Nando Iannicca and Brampton City Council,

Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Ahmed Hussen launched the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI). With this \$1 billion initiative, our Federal Liberal Government will support the construction of up to 3,000 permanent, new affordable housing units across Canada to help address urgent housing needs for people and populations who are vulnerable.

The RHI takes a human rights-based approach to housing, serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and others who are among the most vulnerable including: women and their children fleeing domestic violence, seniors, young adults, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, people dealing with mental health and addiction issues, veterans, LGBTQ2+, racialized groups, Black Canadians, and recent immigrants or refugees.

The RHI will provide capital contributions to develop permanent affordable, supportive or transitional housing under three categories of funding: 1) acquisition of land and construction of modular housing, 2) acquisition of land and existing buildings for the purpose of conversion, and 3) acquisition of land and rehabilitation of housing. Construction must be completed within 12 months of funding agreement.

The Region of Peel falls within the Major Cities Stream with \$500 million being allocated to pre-determined municipalities with the highest number of renters in severe housing need and people experiencing homelessness. **The Region of Peel has been allocated \$30,394,076.** There is no application process for this stream but each municipality will have to submit an investment plan, demonstrating alignment with the RHI criteria, as well as how it will achieve results. Municipalities like Peel Region will be encouraged to take a community benefits approach and push for projects targeting women and those most vulnerable.

I look forward to receiving more information about the Region's investment plan as we continue to work together to end chronic homelessness. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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