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Dear Mr. Schreiner:

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, thank you for the opportunity to meet at the recent AMO Conference. We appreciated the discussion on COVID-19 costs and longer-term economic recovery and look forward to continued dialogue.

As discussed in our meeting, responding to COVID-19 requires an all-level-of-government approach. We are encouraged by the ongoing collaboration between the provincial and federal governments to provide immediate funding support to offset substantial incremental costs and loss of revenue associated with COVID-19.

While the Region appreciates receiving \$27.3 million in Safe Restart Agreement funding through Phase 1 of the municipal operating stream, more will be required to help offset COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. As mentioned during our meeting, we are seeking your support in urging the provincial government to move forward on Phase 2 of the municipal operating stream as soon as possible.

The Region's delegation was also pleased to discuss with you our advocacy efforts with the provincial government aimed at improving housing affordability outcomes in Peel. This includes seeking provincial funding for the Region's Housing Master Plan, a long-term capital infrastructure plan to guide how more affordable housing will be created in Peel.

The Region has committed \$1 billion to support development of an initial 2,240 units, to be built by 2028. However, we are only two-thirds of the way to funding this commitment, which includes \$335.3 million committed by the Region, \$276.4 million through CMHC and \$61.1 million committed through federal and provincial housing programs. However, we are seeking your support to help the Region secure the remaining \$327.2 million from the Province to increase urgently needed housing investments in Peel.

Intergovernmental cooperation has defined this crisis and hastened recovery efforts, now well underway with spread of the virus slowing, however, municipalities expect pandemic-related costs will be ongoing, requiring further financial support in the months ahead. The Region looks forward to your continued support in helping municipalities secure funding to cover COVID-19 costs.

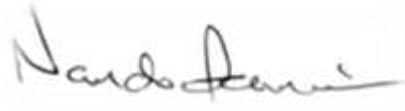
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Once again, the Region appreciates meeting with you at this year's AMO Conference and looks forward on working with you on key priorities critical to Peel residents and communities. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,



Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & Chief Executive Officer
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