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Your Worship
Mayor Tom Mrakas
Town of Aurora
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Dear Mayor Mrakas:

Subject: Municipal Housing Pledges and Targets

Our government is committed to bold and transformative action in order to tackle Ontario's housing supply crisis and reach our goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031. We recognize that municipalities are critical partners in achieving this goal, and it is in that spirit that I am writing to you today.

While many municipalities have taken significant steps to increase their local housing supply, Ontario needs an unprecedented amount of new homes to meet current and anticipated demand. You may be aware that in Fall 2022, our government requested Municipal Housing Pledges for 29 of Ontario's largest and fastest-growing municipalities. To reach the goal of 1.5 million homes built by 2031, Ontario will need municipalities across the province to do their part in providing homes for future population growth.

Today, I am asking the Town of Aurora to demonstrate its commitment to accelerate housing supply by:

- Identifying a locally appropriate Housing Target (i.e., new housing units) to meet current and future housing needs in your municipality to 2031; and
- developing a Municipal Housing Pledge to increase and accelerate housing supply.

Municipalities are critical partners to help us get more homes built faster. Our intention in requesting a housing pledge is that it will be approved by municipal councils and help codify Council's commitment to their target. A Municipal Housing Pledge would set out a Municipal Housing target to 2031, and the strategies and actions that your municipality will take to accelerate housing development.

As the province and municipalities work together to deliver on a commitment to build 1.5 million new homes by 2031, these pledges are critical to coordinate our efforts across governments. Please see the attachment to this letter for additional information on how to develop a Municipal Housing Pledge

Our government will work with you to address potential policy and implementation barriers as you develop your pledges. I encourage you to send any questions to Andrew Carr, Team Lead, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, at Andrew.Carr@Ontario.ca. The deadline for submitting your Housing Target and Housing Pledge is December 15, 2023.

I look forward to working with you to meet our shared commitments and help build the homes Ontarians need and deserve.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

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