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MAYOR MRAKAS' STATEMENT ON EXPANDING THE HST REBATE FOR NEW HOMES

"I applaud today's announcement by the Province of Ontario to expand the HST rebate on new homes in partnership with the federal government, a meaningful step toward improving housing affordability for residents across our communities.

By working together, both levels of government are helping to reduce one of the biggest upfront costs facing homebuyers. For many, this could mean tens of thousands of dollars in savings, making the dream of homeownership more attainable, especially for first-time buyers.

This is exactly the kind of coordinated action we need. Municipalities have been doing our part to approve housing, streamline processes, and create the conditions for growth. But we cannot solve the housing challenge alone. Real progress happens when all orders of government step up, and this announcement reflects that shared responsibility.

I will continue to advocate for solutions that make it easier to build homes, support residents, and ensure that growth in Aurora aligns with our Official Plan and the character of our neighbourhoods.

Because at the end of the day, housing isn't just about numbers – it's about people, families, and building thriving communities."

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