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Your Worship
Mayor Frank Scarpitti
City of Markham

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

Our government is committed to supporting the delivery of modern, efficient, and financially sustainable services for all Ontarians. Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to improving services in your municipality through your application to the third intake of the *Audit and Accountability Fund*.

I am pleased to inform you that the following projects have been approved for funding up to:

- \$152,640 towards the City of Markham Streamlining Planning Approvals Review; and
- \$111,936 towards the City of Markham Residential Infill Development Strategy Review.

All funding is for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a final report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings and efficiencies.

The Government of Ontario launched the *Audit and Accountability Fund* in 2019 to help large urban municipalities improve local service delivery and ensure taxpayers' dollars are used efficiently. Since 2019, we have provided funding to over eighty projects that are helping municipalities modernize and integrate service delivery and streamline development approvals and other processes. Projects undertaken through the third intake of the *Audit and Accountability Fund* will further support these efforts to find efficiencies and improve municipal service delivery.

To ensure municipalities have sufficient time to undertake this important work, I am extending the project timelines that were previously communicated in the program guidelines. An interim report with a project status update will now be required by **May 31, 2022** and the due date for the final report is extended to **February 1, 2023**. Please note that no further extensions to the final report deadline can be provided because

project funds are budgeted in the province's 2022-23 fiscal year, which ends on March 31, 2023.

The ministry will forward a transfer payment agreement for this project shortly for your municipality's review and signature. Once the agreement has been executed, an interim payment will be issued. Ministry staff would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have and can be reached by email at municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your participation in the Audit and Accountability Fund and your continued commitment to delivering modern, efficient municipal services.

Sincerely,



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