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January 19, 2022

Your Worship  
Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
City of Markham

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

As you know, Ontario has a housing crisis. Housing prices have been rising across Ontario over the past decade, as demand has outpaced supply.

Our government is working to challenge the status quo – to get shovels in the ground faster and unlock the supply of housing. Further to Premier Ford's announcement at the Ontario Housing Affordability Summit, I am pleased to share with you that the province will be investing over \$45,000,000 in a new *Streamline Development Approval Fund* to help Ontario's 39 largest municipalities implement actions to get development approved faster so more housing can be built.

Our government has approved financial support to the City of Markham through the *Streamline Development Approval Fund* in order to implement streamlining development approval initiatives such as e-permitting systems, temporary staff (including interns) to address backlogs, online application portals, and other projects aimed at unlocking housing supply. Under this program, your municipality is eligible to receive up to **\$1,000,000**, subject to your municipality returning a copy of this letter, signed by your Head of Council, to the ministry by January 31, 2022 and the execution of a transfer payment agreement.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for streamlining development approvals initiatives. Your municipality will be expected to provide an interim report on the progress of your projects in April 2022 and a publicly posted final report in February 2023 on your use of the funding. More details on eligible costs and program requirements will be contained in the transfer payment agreement that will be sent to your municipality if you choose to take part in this program.

At this time, I am requesting that you as the Head of Council sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email to: [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca). If the province has not received your letter on or before January 31, 2022, you will not be eligible for this program and your municipality's allocation will not be paid.

Thank you for your partnership to help increase the supply of housing in Ontario, so that we can make it easier for all Ontarians and their families to find a home.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

c. Municipal Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer

By signing below, I am confirming that my municipality, City of Markham, is interested in taking part in the *Streamline Development Approval Fund*. I acknowledge that as part of the program my municipality will be required to use our allocation of up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of implementing projects that will streamline development approvals in the municipality in accordance with the transfer payment agreement. I further acknowledge that the City of Markham will be required to submit an interim and final report back to the province on the status of our projects and the use of this funding.

Name: Frank Scarpitti

Title: Mayor, City of Markham

Signature: Frank Scarpitti

Date: January 28, 2022