



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Arvin Prasad, Commissioner of Development Services

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Date: March 21, 2023

Re: **Markham Municipal Housing Pledge**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the memorandum entitled “Markham Municipal Housing Pledge” be received; and
2. That the Markham Municipal Housing Pledge Letter attached as Appendix A be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing by March 22, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The Province of Ontario (the “Province”) has committed to 1.5 million homes being built over the next 10 years. To support this goal, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing released the [More Homes, Built Faster: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023](#) and the [More Homes Built Faster Act](#) (Bill 23) which received royal assent on November 4, 2022.

On February 13, 2023 the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a letter to the City of Markham advising that the City’s Municipal Housing Target is 44,000 new homes before 2031 and requested a pledge be submitted to the Minister by March 22, 2023.

On March 1, 2023 Council passed a resolution receiving a report titled “[Municipal Housing Pledge](#)” and directed staff to prepare a letter for consideration at Development Services Committee from the Mayor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing accepting the housing pledge and outlining actions that the City would undertake to facilitate construction of 44,000 homes over the next 10 years. Please refer to **Appendix A - Markham Municipal Housing Pledge Letter** and **Appendix B – Markham Housing Pledge**.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix ‘A’: Markham Municipal Housing Pledge Letter
Appendix ‘B’: Markham Housing Pledge