

From: Minister (MAH) <minister.mah@ontario.ca>
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Subject: Inclusionary Zoning / Zonage d'inclusion

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to announce that the government introduced Bill 204 – the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 in the Legislature today. As part of our Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update commitments, these proposed changes focus on transforming Ontario's housing system by facilitating a greater range of housing choices and increasing the supply of affordable housing.

Schedule 4 of the Bill would, if passed, support land-use planning decision makers in their efforts to increase affordable housing choices in their communities, by enabling municipalities to require the inclusion of affordable housing units in new residential development projects through [inclusionary zoning](#).

You can obtain a copy of Bill 204 – the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 and monitor the status of the Bill through the legislative process on the [Legislative Assembly of Ontario](#) website.

Comments on Schedule 4 of the Bill can be made through the [Environmental Bill of Rights Registry](#) (EBR Posting #: 012-7616).

The government is looking for your input on matters that may be considered for possible regulatory proposals to support the proposed inclusionary zoning legislation. Feedback can be provided through the [Environmental Bill of Rights Registry](#) (EBR Posting #: 012-7617), through our [Consultation Discussion Guide](#) or by email to inclusionaryzoning@ontario.ca.

I would also like to draw your attention to Schedule 5 of the proposed Bill that would, if passed, create consistent local enforcement of residential rental maintenance standards across all Ontario municipalities. This would not affect municipalities that currently enforce standards that are included in local property standards by-laws. Further details of these proposed amendments will be provided to affected municipalities in the near future.

We look forward to working with you in the coming months on this exciting work.

Best regards,

Ted McMeekin
Minister