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Your Worship  
Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
City of Hamilton  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your municipality's Expression of Interest to participate in the Province's Development Charges Rebate Program. Through the program the province will provide funding of up to \$125 million over five years so that municipalities can provide development charge rebates to incent the creation of eligible purpose-built rental housing. The province is funding selected municipalities with low vacancy rates and/or high tenant populations, where affordable rentals are hard to find.

The ministry invited 84 single and lower-tier municipalities across Ontario, which were identified as being in need of rental housing, to submit an Expression of Interest to participate in the program. The ministry received strong submissions from many municipalities, which were assessed using consistent criteria.

I am pleased to advise you that the City of Hamilton's submission was successful, and has been approved to receive a total (notional) funding of \$6,850,702 over five years. The City of Hamilton's annual notional funding for each of the five years is as indicated below:

Total 5-Year Funding	Year 1 (2018-19)	Year 2 (2019-20)	Year 3 (2020-21)	Year 4 (2021-22)	Year 5 (2022-23)
\$6,850,702	\$1,395,277	\$1,311,489	\$1,378,519	\$1,395,277	\$1,370,140

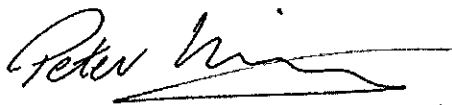
The notional funding allocation is contingent on the City of Hamilton entering into a transfer payment agreement with the province. Additionally, the funding is also subject to annual provincial budget approvals, and fulfillment of accountability requirements.

In the coming days, Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division, will contact you to provide additional information about the program as well as a draft transfer payment agreement for your consideration.

Our government recognizes that adequate and appropriate rentals have become increasingly hard to find and afford in a number of Ontario communities. The Development Charges Rebate Program will stimulate the creation of new rental housing to help make it easier for families and individuals to find the housing they need. More rental housing means more options when looking for a home, while creating vibrant communities. The program will also encourage and help to build complete communities that are accessible, livable, walkable, and close to transit and other services.

I look forward to our partnership under this new initiative to help increase the supply of purpose-built rental housing across Ontario and in the City of Hamilton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Milczyn", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Peter Milczyn  
Minister

c: Chris Murray, City Manager  
City of Hamilton