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Dear Head of Council:

Thank you for participating in the Ontario-Municipal Housing Affordability Summit on January 19, 2022. Your presence provided us with the opportunity to have insightful conversations about the good work taking place across the province and I commend all your efforts to date.

The Premier and I gathered provincial-municipal leaders to create an opportunity to share best practices, identify persistent issues and collaborate on ways to build the right mix of housing.

Together, we were able to identify key themes and places to work together, including:

- Strengthening collaboration and partnership with all levels of government and industry leaders
- Acknowledging the need to expedite development related approvals at all levels of government
- Addressing NIMBYism ('BANANAism')
- Supporting infrastructure and services to accommodate population growth
- Improving data collection and data standards
- Incentivizing affordable housing
- Supporting skilled trades education, training, and immigration
- Avoiding a one-size-fits-all approach

Our discussion was broad and deep, however, to help us as we move forward, I would like to request follow-up information in the following areas:

1. Can your municipalities provide specific data on the number of housing development approvals that have been provided by your municipalities but have yet to be acted on? Are these approvals fully zoned and permitted?
2. Can your municipalities provide insight on how the provincial government, the province's agencies, or conservation authorities are holding up development approvals?
3. Are there any other considerations that were not covered in our discussions that are relevant to the issue of increasing housing supply in Ontario?

We welcome your feedback at housingsupply@ontario.ca by February 15, 2022.

As we continue this dialogue, our government will ensure municipalities have the tools and resources they need to unlock housing in every community across Ontario. To help Ontario's largest municipalities modernize, streamline and accelerate processes for managing and approving housing applications, our government announced more than \$45 million for a new Streamline Development Approval Fund. We will also provide over \$8 million through the Audit and Accountability Fund to help large urban municipalities identify potential savings and efficiencies through third party reviews to accelerate the creation of new housing and modernize municipal services.

We look forward to further collaborating with you in our work towards increasing Ontario's housing supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister