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Your Worship  
Mayor Andrea Horwath  
City of Hamilton

Dear Mayor Horwath,

Our government has a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs and budget. We are committed to building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years to address the housing supply crisis. The Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF) is an important part of our tool kit to support municipal partners so that that much-needed housing can get built faster.

We understand the challenges of completing multi-faceted projects to streamline development approvals and the importance of getting this work done. That is why our government approved an extension to the SDAF project completion deadline from February 28, 2023 to November 1, 2023. This will help to ensure municipalities can complete projects and benefit from the full allocation available under the program. We have a housing supply crisis and all of us need to work together to increase supply and make housing more affordable for hardworking Ontarians.

Ministry staff will forward instructions and an amending transfer payment agreement in the coming days. Municipal staff are welcome to contact [municipal.programs@ontario.ca](mailto:municipal.programs@ontario.ca) with any questions.

Thank you for your participation in the SDAF program and your commitment to streamlining approvals so that Ontario can build the housing we need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Clark'.

Steve Clark  
Minister

- c. Janette Smith, City Manager  
Mike Zegarac, GM Finance & Corporate Services

Andrea Holland, City Clerk

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development