



September 6, 2023

Patrick Brown
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Brown:

I write to you after reviewing the City of Brampton's application to the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund.

I appreciated the time you took to meet last week, and your commitment to working together productively which you have demonstrated by your prompt responses to our questions concerning the City's application.

To adequately respond not only to the housing crisis facing Brampton, but to the housing shortage facing the country, I know we share the view that it is imperative that we pursue bold ideas, while implementing solutions that work for Canadian families and communities.

I was pleased with several of the proposals advanced by Brampton in its Housing Accelerator Fund application, namely:

- Unlocking higher density, transit-accessible housing within walking distance of transit
- Instituting incentive programs for affordable housing; and
- Pre-zoning in strategic growth areas

However, before making a decision on Brampton's application, I would like you to consider going further than what your application currently proposes.

I respectfully urge you to ensure that the City is doing everything in its power to address the housing crisis. In particular, I have three requests that would improve Brampton's application and better reflect my ambition for the Housing Accelerator Fund:

1. That you revisit Initiative 6 and your decision on the number of units which can be built as-of-right city-wide, and that you modify this number to be even more ambitious, by increasing it from 3 to 4;
2. That you expand the reforms introduced through Brampton Plan, which enables four-storey buildings within a 400 metre radius of your support corridors, to an 800 metre radius, which is generally a ten to fifteen minute walk from transit.

3. That you reduce restrictions on Additional Residential Units (ARUs). For example, expanding the current maximum floor space of 35 square metres to at least 100 square metres.

These changes will increase housing supply within walking distance to transit and facilitate more genuine housing options for the people of Brampton.

If you and Council can enhance your application by addressing these 3 items, it will allow us to ensure Brampton leverages the full potential of the HAF to tackle the housing crisis and unlock the housing Bramptonians need.

My colleagues in Brampton - Minister Khera, and Members of Parliament Shafqat Ali, Ruby Sahota, Maninder Sidhu, and Sonia Sidhu, have all been tremendous advocates for your City. They have each raised the importance of Brampton's housing needs and have expressed confidence that the City will rise to the occasion.

I sincerely appreciate your swift response to this request and look forward to talking soon.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities