

Dec. 20, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra, MPP
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dear Minister Calandra,

RE: City of Vaughan Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) Requests

The City of Vaughan shares the Ontario government's commitment to bringing the dream of home ownership into reach for more people. This past March, Vaughan Council committed to achieving the Ontario government's Housing Pledge and the City's provincially mandated housing targets to facilitate the construction of 42,000 new homes by 2031. Working closely with City staff, we supported 72 of the 74 recommendations presented by the Housing Affordability Task Force, while providing further professional, strategic insights to inform the government's work.

As part of Vaughan's ongoing commitment to responsible city-building while helping the Ontario government continue its ongoing efforts to tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031 – **during the December 12, 2024, meeting of Vaughan City Council, Council approved requesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing approve a CIHA order for File CIHA.23.001 (8083 Jane Street Ltd.) and File CIHA.23.002 (Battcorp Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd. and Battcorp II Holdings (Vaughan) Ltd.).**

I am enclosing copies of both City staff reports with complete information about plans for the site developments, including several critical conditions listed, including specifically that for both CIHA file requests that there be:

- *"A request to the Minister of MMAH to attach a condition to the CIHA Order requiring the Owner provide a minimum 5% of the total residential units for affordable housing as a CIHA Order community benefit requirement, should the CIHA Order be made by the Minister of MMAH;"*

Minister, the Ontario government must meet all conditions outlined in the City staff reports that resulted in Vaughan Council's request for the above-mentioned CIHA orders. In doing so, we are better positioned to build welcoming neighbourhoods with access to necessary amenities that foster complete communities. **Should the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing fail to meet any conditions or refuse to consult the City in advance of doing so, then these CIHA orders will lose the support of Vaughan City Council.**

I look forward to your reply, Minister, as our governments work together to advance critical city-building and province-wide priorities.

Sincerely,



Steven Del Duca,
Mayor