

August 1, 2023

Hon. Steve Clark Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing 17th Floor – 777 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark:

RE: Feedback on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement with respect to Rural Lands in Municipalities

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments with respect to the new Provincial Planning Statement as it relates to Housing as part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's (MMAH) consultation under ERO 019-6813.

I concur with the direction of the Provincial Planning Statement and intent to provide improved land use management which will contribute to a more effective and efficient land use planning system.

Specifically, I respectfully request the policies related to provision of Housing and intensification within Settlement areas are translated into municipal Zoning Bylaws in order to provide appropriate implementation tools to recognize smaller format housing, **consideration for smaller lot sizes and overall flexibility within existing zoning and development planning bylaw systems to support forward thinking forms of housing that meet Ontario building code standards in order to bring more affordable forms of housing to Ontario.**

Yours truly,

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