



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing 777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2G2

Dear Minister Calandra,

Congratulations on your new appointment as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Together and independently our region offers tremendous opportunity to work with you and other municipalities to achieve our shared obligation to build new homes and assist with the provincial government's target of 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years.

Currently, and basically shovel ready, Clearview Township has a \$50-\$60 million dollar Deep well and pipeline project. This important infrastructure is necessary, or homes won't be built. Collingwood and New Tecumseth are working on a large infrastructure project which will enable the construction of tens of thousands of new homes over the next several decades. The Collingwood/New Tecumseth project is not a well project but rather surface water project drawing water from the Georgian Bay.

The shovel ready project in Clearview Township will create capacity to provide water for approximately 4200 homes. This project can begin building homes within the next three months and ongoing for the next ten years. In addition, Clearview Township is in-line to build homes and to capitalize off the Collingwood pipeline in the next 20 to 30 years. Although we do not have an immediate need to connect to Collingwood's pipeline, we want to express our support and recognition that the Collingwood pipeline has the potential for short, medium, and long-term solutions for this region.

As described in Collingwood's correspondence to Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated October 4, 2023. The residents of New Tecumseth receive water from a 60 km pipeline which the provincial government helped to fund. After decades of service, this shared treatment and distribution system from Collingwood to New Tecumseth needs increased capacity to meet the growing needs of Ontario and thus allow both municipalities to contribute and assist the province with meeting the provincial goal of building more homes faster.

Clearview Township, Collingwood and New Tecumseth recognize the opportunity for immediate action that will see homes built in the short, medium, and long-term. These solutions, in part, will assist in leveling housing costs by increasing the availability of new homes adding to the volume needed to offset demand. The task of building 1.5 million homes must be an obligation we all share, in respect to large and small rural municipalities.

We are establishing a task force to review planned development, develop financial projections, confirm municipal/developer partnerships, and seek provincial and federal financial support. The task force intends to seek creative ways to build the necessary infrastructure to build homes faster.

In closing we respectfully ask that you consider appointing an individual (s) to work with our task force. We are confident a targeted growth plan for new homes will achieve favorable results.

Sincerely,



Mayor Doug Measures

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CC: Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament, Simcoe-Grey
CC: Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
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