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Colin Best  
President  
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Sent via email: [amopresident@amo.on.ca](mailto:amopresident@amo.on.ca)

Dear Colin Best,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the procurements for the audits of municipal finances of select municipalities discussed in my letter from November 30, 2022.

In my letter, I wrote to you about our strong, longstanding partnership with key goals in common, including increasing the supply of new housing.

Following a competitive procurement process, Ernst & Young LLP has been retained to examine the finances of the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, City of Toronto, Peel Region, Town of Caledon, and Town of Newmarket.

Work will begin shortly, with the first phases of the audits expected to conclude around the end of 2023. The third-party audits will help provide a clear and shared understanding of the potential impacts of the changes to development-related fees and charges included in the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

We recognize the importance of making timely investments in housing-enabling infrastructure, such as roads, water, and wastewater facilities, to ensure we are able to work together to meet the goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031. Through these audits, we can ensure municipalities are able to use their existing resources effectively and efficiently to build the critical infrastructure necessary to increase the housing supply in their communities.

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Lessons learned from these audits will be valuable in informing future provincial policies and programs supporting long-term municipal financial sustainability and housing-related infrastructure investments.

Working together, along with our federal partners, we can achieve our shared goal of increasing the supply of housing.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

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