



Mayor Gordon Krantz

Via electronic mail townclerk@milton.ca

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Dear Mayor Krantz,

I am writing to you following a thorough review of the Town of Milton's application to the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund.

As you know, the Town of Milton is facing a housing crisis that requires bold and decisive action. To adequately respond to the housing challenges facing the people of Milton, it's imperative that we pursue bold ideas, while implementing solutions that work for Canadian families and communities.

Before making a decision on Milton's application, I would respectfully urge you to ensure that the City is doing everything in its power to address the housing crisis in Milton.

In particular, I have five requests that would improve Milton's application and better reflect my ambition for the Housing Accelerator Fund:

- Permitting four units as-of-right city-wide;
- Permitting four storeys as-of-right within 800 metres walking distance of Milton Transit lines;
- Designate dedicated staff to implement an affordable housing strategy, which should involve liaising with non-market housing providers and other levels of government, guiding projects through the development and permitting process, and identifying lands for affordable nonmarket housing;
- Delegate decision-making power for minor rezonings, as well as approvals for affordable housing and modular housing, to City staff;
- Create incentives to encourage the development of purpose-build rentals and non-market housing;

These changes will increase the supply of housing in Milton, allow for greater housing options within walking distance to transit, and facilitate more genuine housing options for the people of Milton.

If you and Council can enhance your application by addressing these items, it will allow us to ensure Milton leverages its full potential to develop the housing which the people of Milton need.

My colleague, Member of Parliament Adam van Koeverden, has been an outstanding advocate for the City of Milton. He has provided me with valuable advice regarding Milton's local contexts, and has counseled me that Milton is prepared to do its part to address the housing crisis. I appreciate your consideration of this request and eagerly anticipate our future discussions.

Sincerely,

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