



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

OBCM Motion - Maximizing the Streamline Development Approval Fund

Mayor Shaun Collier – Ajax, Seconded by Mayor Dave West – Richmond Hill

WHEREAS On January 19, 2022, the province announced \$45 million for the Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF) to help Ontario's 39 largest municipalities modernize, streamline and accelerate processes for managing and approving housing applications;

AND WHEREAS the deadline for municipalities to spend SDAF funds is February 2023;

AND WHEREAS municipal planning departments may be challenged to spend SDAF funds by the deadline in part due to province-wide staffing shortages, and the overlap of changes imposed by the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 and the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax issued a letter to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on July 13, 2022 requesting the deadline to spend the funds be extended to September 2023, and a similar letter was sent to the Minister by the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario on September 26, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Ontario Big City Mayors endorse the request for an extension for all municipalities who received the SDAF to September 2023; and
2. A copy of this motion be shared with the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all OBCM members, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario.

Motion passed unanimously by OBCM Mayors at meeting on December 2nd, 2022