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March 8, 2023

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held February 27, 2023 adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR108/2023

That the report from the Manager Urban Design/Deputy City Planner regarding the Province of Ontario's Municipal Housing Targets and Building 13,000 Homes Pledge **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

That City Council **ENDORSE** the draft City of Windsor Municipal Housing Pledge attached as Appendix B; and further,

That City Council **DIRECT** that the Municipal Housing Pledge be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing by the March 22, 2023 deadline.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Ciacelli".

Anna Ciacelli
Deputy City Clerk and Supervisor of Council Services
AC/wf
attachments

cc: Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh
Ms. Lisa Gretzky, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor West
Mr. Anthony Leardi, Member of Provincial Parliament, Essex
Ms. Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator, Office of Economic Development & Innovation, City of Windsor

The Corporation of the City of Windsor Municipal Housing Pledge

The City of Windsor supports the Province of Ontario's goal to build 1.5 million homes over the next ten years. To support that goal, the City of Windsor acknowledges the Minister's Municipal Housing Target of 13,000 homes for our community.

The City of Windsor pledges to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the city will vigorously pursue all avenues to facilitate construction to reach the target of 13,000 homes in the next decade.

The City of Windsor has already adopted a series of Official Plan amendments to encourage and facilitate residential development, including additional dwelling units (ADU), particularly along major transportation corridors. Additional policies to encourage creative infill, convert existing non-residential buildings and intensification that takes advantage of existing municipal infrastructure will continue to be researched and evaluated.

The City also offers a number of Community Improvement Plan (CIP) incentives to encourage the creation of dwelling units in prioritized neighbourhoods, and Zoning By-law amendments to "pre-zone" some of the Intensification Priority Areas to provide for more housing options. An Affordable Housing CIP is currently in development.

While the City delivers development approvals in accordance with Planning Act timelines and there have been no appeals for no decision, further streamlining activities to add more residential dwelling units include:

- Implementing the consultant recommendations to adapt the municipal planning process as secured through Ontario's Streamline Development Approval Fund
- Adopting a more comprehensive approach for pre-consultation to streamline the planning process and comply with Bill 109
- Expanding digital solutions for online permitting and reporting mechanisms
- Structuring an Executive Committee to identify strategies to increase the residential land inventory, maximize key land development opportunities in the city, and plan for the required infrastructure and facilities to expand capacity

The City of Windsor has implemented several initiatives to encourage the development of additional residential units and will continue to facilitate actions to create the environment for further investment to meet the provincial goals.