

Motion Requesting that the Federal Government accelerate the delivery of the Housing Accelerator Funding for qualifying Ontario Municipalities to Increase the Housing Supply

Moved by Mayor Dorothy McCabe - Waterloo

Whereas the Housing Accelerator Funding (HAF) program was established in March 2023 by the Government of Canada to provide financial support to municipalities and First Nations governments to help build more housing by eliminating barriers and ending restrictive zoning provisions in order to build much needed housing including more rental housing, affordable units and housing around public transit and on city owned lands, and

Whereas the HAF funding is allocated in four parts over 3 years and each allocation is contingent on meeting established and agreed upon targets,

Whereas this funding has been instrumental in moving important and much needed housing initiatives forward across numerous municipalities in 2023 and 2024, and will be in 2025,

Whereas the advancement of the 3rd and 4th funding tranches would provide the municipalities that are utilizing the HAF the confidence that they will be able to complete all of their planned housing initiatives and achieve the housing targets identified in the HAF Action Plans, and, in some municipalities, accelerate some HAF housing initiatives, and

Whereas, the 3rd and 4th HAF funding allocations- if provided in 2025 - would be returned to the federal government at the end of the existing HAF contracts if the agreed upon housing and HAF initiatives were not fulfilled, and

Whereas, municipalities will continue to commit to providing audited statements to the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities that outlines how HAF is being utilized and that if these funds were not spent in accordance with the funding agreement, the municipality would return the allocated funds,

Therefore be it resolved that OBCM requests that the federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities direct staff at the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation to immediately work with municipalities which received HAF to understand the opportunities available for these municipalities to further increase the housing supply if the 3rd and 4th HAF funding allocations were accelerated and provided in 2025 instead of 2026 and 2027 and,

Be it further resolved that OBCM calls on its federal counterpart, the Big City Mayors' Caucus, to pass the same/similar motion as soon as possible.

And that a copy of this motion be sent to:



- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Dominic Le Blanc, Minister of Finance
- Josh Morgan, Chair, Big City Mayors' Caucus and Mayor of London
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport