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February 14, 2024

Your Worship  
Mayor Adrian Foster  
Municipality of Clarington  
mayor@clarington.net

Dear Mayor Foster,

**Subject: 2023 Housing Targets and Performance – Please treat as confidential**

To help achieve our shared goal of building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, our government has provided 50 of our largest communities with housing targets. As you are aware, performance against annualized targets is being used to determine allocations under the new Building Faster Fund and is also being reported on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's website. **We ask that these figures be kept confidential until the Province has announced them publicly.**

With year-end data for 2023 now available, the Ministry has tabulated an assessment of your municipality's 2023 housing performance. A detailed breakdown is included below:

	<b>2023 Program Year</b>
Provincial Target	110,000
Municipality of Clarington Target	953
Municipality of Clarington Actual Performance, of which:	<b>506 (53% of target)</b>
<i>Housing Starts (CMHC)</i>	250
<i>Conversions (CMHC)</i>	32
<i>Long-Term Care Beds (Ontario MLTC)</i>	224

Performance against the annual housing targets is being evaluated based on housing starts, as defined and published in the [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's \(CMHC\) Starts and Completions Survey](#); conversions as defined in the [Conversions and Demolitions Survey](#) (which includes Additional Residential Units such as basement suites add to existing structures); as well as Long-Term Care (LTC) beds created in a given calendar year (data provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care).

As a reminder, eligibility for the Building Faster Fund (which was first announced on August 21, 2023, and is intended to launch early in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year for 2023 performance), is contingent on the following pre-requisite conditions:

1. Your municipality meeting or exceeding 80% of the assigned annual housing target for each program year (2023, 2024, and 2025), as outlined in the table above;
2. Having responded in writing to my request (dated September 15, 2023) to rank your (or the Head of Council at the time's) top priority recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force; and
3. Having submitted a council-endorsed pledge or a written commitment from you (or the Head of Council at the time), to meet the municipality's assigned 2031 housing target.

As detailed above, our records show that your municipality did not meet the 80% threshold for 2023. I encourage you to work with your council and other stakeholders on additional efforts to increase housing supply performance in the coming year and beyond.

Our records also show that:

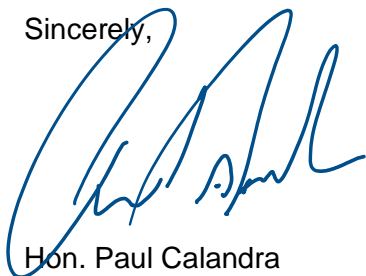
- We are in receipt of your ranking of Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations.
- Your commitment and/or council-endorsed pledge to meet the assigned 2031 target was submitted.

Given the above, I regret to inform you that the Municipality of Clarington has not met the eligibility criteria for the Building Faster Fund in 2023. I encourage you to work towards eligibility for future program years.

If you have any questions, please contact my Deputy Minister, Martha Greenberg, at [martha.greenberg@ontario.ca](mailto:martha.greenberg@ontario.ca).

I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that more people can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs of Housing

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