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Your Worship

Mayor Alar Soever

Town of The Blue Mountains

32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310

The Blue Mountains, ON, N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Soever:

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I would like to thank you, your fellow council member, Councillor Rob Sampson, and Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, for taking the time to meet with me at the 2019 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa. Maintaining a strong relationship with our municipal partners is a top priority for our government as your input and knowledge of local matters are important as we tackle big challenges ahead.

I appreciated hearing about your housing supply issues as a municipality with a large tourism industry, and the solutions you are exploring through the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation.

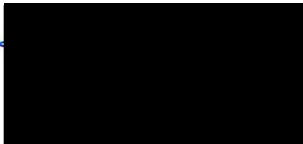
In particular, I am interested in the pilot you are proposing, to build town-owned affordable freehold and rental housing and the possibility of using surplus lands to build town-owned housing.

Throughout the conference, including in many of my delegation meetings, we discussed the one-time Municipal Modernization Fund payment. If you have projects you would like to share with us, we are happy to work together with you. As you have information on your progress, we are always interested to hear from you.

If you or your staff would like to discuss these matters further, ministry staff would be pleased to assist. Please feel free to contact Ian Kerr, Regional Director, in the Western Municipal Services Office at 519-873-4026 or Ian.Kerr@ontario.ca. You can also contact my Senior Policy Advisor for Housing, Alex Earthy, (Alex.Earthy@ontario.ca).

Once again, thank you for meeting with me at the 2019 AMO Conference. Municipalities are on the front lines and play a vital role in the lives of people across the province. I am committed to working with you and know how important it is that we continue to listen and work together.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister