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Dear Ms. Menard:

I am writing to you on behalf of AMO's Board of Directors, to advise you that you have been appointed to the Provincial-Municipal Housing and Homelessness Consolidation Working Group that is being created to implement an important recommendation from the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review. Thank you for agreeing to participate.

As you are aware, the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review was a joint effort of the Province of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto. This two year, collaborative process included extensive research, analysis and discussion in support of a new fiscal and service delivery framework for municipalities.

The consensus report released on October 31, 2008 concluded the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review. A copy of the Report is available on the front page of AMO's website at: www.amo.on.ca. It represents a net financial benefit of \$1.5 billion a year by 2018 to the municipal sector through the uploading of social assistance and court security costs. It also sets out a series of important advances in social policy and human services management in Ontario, as well as a new understanding of Ontario municipal infrastructure deficit and the relative fiscal health of Ontario's municipalities.

The implementation of the actions agreed to in the Report will be overseen at the political level through the AMO-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding and the Toronto-Ontario Cooperation and Consultation Agreement.

A number of staff level Steering Committees and Working Groups have been established to provide advice on the implementation of the Report's actions and recommendations. The composition of the committees and working groups will be reviewed from time to time and may change depending on how work progresses. The Province and the City of Toronto will also be appointing members to these committees and working groups. It is my hope that a Terms of Reference for the Housing and Homelessness Consolidation Working Group will be distributed shortly and that the first meeting of the Working Group will take place in the coming weeks.

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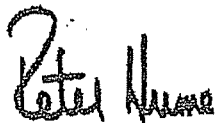
As you are aware, one of the key commitments arising from the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review is the provincial agreement to consolidate the existing range of housing and homelessness programs into a housing service managed at the municipal level. This will include a review of the Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA). The work of this table will focus on better long-term outcomes for clients, and form a key element of the province's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy.

The working group will be comprised of representatives from AMO, the City of Toronto and various provincial ministries. The working group will provide strategic advice and options to the Human Services Integration Steering Committee on such things as policy and accountability frameworks for consolidated programs and an implementation strategy.

I was especially pleased that a strong spirit of collaboration guided the Review participants over two years. May that same goodwill inspire your efforts on behalf of AMO as we work to implement these positive changes.

I appreciate the time and effort you will be making in representing the interests of the municipal sector. Thank you again for agreeing to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Hume". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter Hume
President