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June 16, 2010

Emil V. Kolb
Regional Chair and C.E.O.
The Regional Municipality of Peel
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Re: Progress Update on Affordable Housing Units in Peel

Dear Chair Kolb, *Emil*

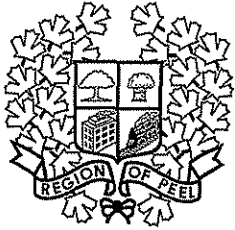
Thank you for providing me with a copy of your correspondence of May 27, 2010, to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, where you highlight the progress the Region of Peel has made in renovating existing and in constructing much-needed affordable housing units in our communities. I appreciate you keeping me informed on this important matter.

I understand your concern that despite all of the significant investments our Government has made in affordable housing that more is still needed in the Region of Peel. I have met with community groups who have echoed your concerns and I will undertake to raise this in Caucus discussions on future investments in affordable housing.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,

David Tilson
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Office of the Chair

May 27, 2010

The Honourable Diane Finlay
Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development
140 Promenade du Portage
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0J9

Dear Minister, *Diane*

On behalf of the Region of Peel, I am pleased to provide an update on the progress we are making to renovate existing and adding much needed affordable housing units within our communities.

Thanks to your investments, by March 2011 the Region, through the *Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program* will have either renovated or retrofitted **12,101 units**. In addition, the Region will have constructed an additional **425 units** (175 units in Brampton and 250 units in Mississauga) through the *Affordable Housing Program*.

Despite these important investments, more needs to be done to preserve and expand the affordable housing stock in Peel. The housing shortage in this part of Canada is so severe that:

- It has created the longest waiting list for subsidized housing in Ontario (over 14,000 households, which equals a 21 year waiting list).
- People placed in affordable housing today have waited 10 years or more for a subsidized unit.
- As Social Housing Service Manager, Peel is required to maintain a half a billion dollar aging portfolio and its reserves are depleting rapidly.

Peel Regional Council recommends that the federal government to continue to collaborate with us and the provincial government to develop a long-term comprehensive strategy to support those less vulnerable in communities across Canada, including those in Peel.

Peel also encourages your government's commitment to continue funding for years three to five of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing program to enable the continuation of building new affordable housing units across Ontario.

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Once again, thank you for the significant housing stimulus contributions in our communities. We look forward to continue working with you and building on this relationship by identifying other opportunities to work together to build more affordable housing units.

It was pleasure seeing you recently and I wish you all the best. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4309 should you have any questions. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely,



Emil V. Kolb
Regional Chair and C.E.O.

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