

More Homes Built Faster – stakeholder response

“It does seem like this bill is good for building new homes.”

- **Jessica Bell, MPP for University Rosedale, NDP housing critic**

“Ontario needs more homes for people. This proposed legislation builds on the work of the Housing Affordability Task Force that made recommendations for how to foster a more supportive environment and better enable the creation of more homes for people. The Task Force offered aggressive measures that have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions around the world. The Ford Government is taking a balanced approach to ensure the needs of existing residents are respected while also ensuring there are new opportunities for new residents and a growing Ontario. This legislation strongly supports economic growth while simultaneously supporting municipalities to build stronger, more vibrant and more resilient communities.”

- **Justin Marchand, CEO, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services**

“The report of Ontario’s Housing Affordability Task Force, published in February, clearly identified the challenges limiting new housing supply and increasing housing costs across the province. We are operating in a planning and zoning environment built for an Ontario of yesteryear. It simply takes too long to get approvals, it is too difficult to add the gentle density we need in our cities, and too many fees and charges are layered on to new homes by municipalities. All of this limits supply and drives up costs. The plan introduced today by the government is the clear, powerful transformation we need to solve our housing supply and affordability crisis.”

- **Dave Wilkes, President and CEO, Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)**

“Today’s announcement is a positive step forward in building a transformational action plan that will cut red tape and invest in critical housing infrastructure while spurring economic development and creating thousands of jobs for our members and men and women across the skilled trades. Growing regions require resilient and reliable infrastructure and we must continue to work collaboratively and proactively to move Ontario forward.”

- **Joseph Mancinelli, LiUNA International Vice President and Regional Manager of Central and Eastern Canada**

“There is an important opportunity here to get people into much needed homes and help reverse the decades long trend of wetland loss in Ontario. Ducks Unlimited Canada looks forward to our continued collaboration with the provincial government by contributing our expertise in the development of a framework that protects Ontario’s precious natural habitats while creating spaces for the people of Ontario to live, work, and interact with nature. There’s room for homes, industry, working farms and natural systems that are critical for wildlife and climate resilience through a thoughtful approach that ensures we’re doing the right things in the best places. We really can have it all.”

- **Lynette Mader, Manager of Provincial Operations – Ontario, Ducks Unlimited Canada**

“RCCAO welcomes the Government of Ontario’s leadership to bring the much-needed reforms to address Ontario’s housing crisis. Minister Clark’s bold proposals to get missing middle housing built, incentivize affordable housing options, and streamline the planning process will lead to more homes getting built, faster. The reforms are strong next steps to build momentum for more development to meet the critical infrastructure demands of our growing province. “

- **Nadia Todorova, Executive Director, Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RESCON)**

“In order to build the housing we need to ensure all Ontarians have a place to call home, we need to take bold and decisive action. Removing red tape, speeding up approvals and addressing costs are crucial to getting more purpose-rental housing built. FRPO is pleased the government has taken this critical next step, and we look forward to continuing to work with government so we can create more housing supply right across Ontario, including purpose-built rental.”

- **Tony Irwin, President & CEO of the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)**

“Reena is looking forward to working with the Minister on the implementation of this transformative legislation ensuring that deeply affordable housing will be a reality. By creating waivers of development charges, fees, charges and levies on non-profit affordable housing projects, Ontario is setting the stage for more affordable housing to be built for all Ontarians.

The array of efforts will make it possible for millions of Ontarians in all regions and of all abilities to have a home, we are excited by the opportunities that will come with additional provincial lands being made available to affordable housing development. We

look forward to working with municipalities and the provincial government on inclusionary zoning, making space in the heart of our communities for Ontarians with disabilities, needing deeply affordable housing (ODSP rates).”

- **Bryan Keshen, CEO, Reena**

“The Schad foundation supports the government’s Housing Supply Action Plan and the efforts underway to protect, conserve and expand wetlands.

We believe strongly that the critical need to build more homes is not in conflict with people’s desire to access parks and wetlands and to enjoy Ontario’s incredible natural areas.

We applaud the government of Ontario for working to achieve this balance and look forward to our continued collaboration.”

- **Peter Kendall, Executive Director, The Schad Foundation**

“CAPREIT welcomes the Ontario government’s commitment to taking bold action to address the housing supply and affordability crisis in Ontario. We believe that many of the measures announced today, such as targeted changes to cut red tape for land lease home ownership, will enable us to open the door to thousands more Ontario families and help them find the housing they need to thrive.”

- **Mark Kenney, President & CEO, CAPREIT**

“The Government of Ontario’s newly announced *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* is just what the doctor ordered when it comes to getting more homes for families built faster right across the Province.”

- **Tim Hudak, CEO, Ontario Real Estate Association**

“The commitment to waive development charges for all affordable housing developments will have a tangible and positive impact on the ability to develop new, affordable co-op homes in Ontario. We also look forward to engaging with the Province in order to reduce the property tax burden on affordable housing providers, including co-ops.”

- **Simone Swail, Manager, Government Relations, CHF Canada**

“The current housing supply and affordability crisis is a man-made problem that was created in the course of a decade and a half and will take time to fix. It starts today with Ontario’s new big, bold housing plan. The *More Homes Built Faster Act* increases

accountability for municipalities in enabling the housing supply the province needs, increases transparency on the funds collected on the back on new homes, caps the fees to the economic conditions of the day and removes roadblocks to adding gentle density. Put simply, the government has delivered the regulatory framework to enable necessary change. It has stood up for new and future homebuyers looking to live in our province. The measures it has brought forward will help preserve the competitiveness of Canada's economic engine."

- **Luca Bucci, CEO, Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA)**

"As developers of supportive housing for the most vulnerable in our communities, we are all too familiar with the challenges associated with building much needed housing supply, and the cost impacts of delays and burdensome requirements. We and other builders of affordable and supportive housing will benefit from changes that make it easier to build all types of housing. The proposed reduction in development costs and fees for affordable and non-profit housing will directly impact our costs, and make it easier to allocate resources where they are needed most."

- **Jeff Neven, CEO, Indwell**

"The Ontario Government's proposals are a meaningful step towards fulfilling the dream of homeownership for many Ontario residents. The proposed changes will help open the door to home ownership for thousands of families by making land lease home mortgages easier to obtain. Parkbridge is proud to be at the forefront of attainable home ownership and these changes will help us contribute to solving Ontario's housing supply challenges by building new land lease communities for families and first-time homebuyers."

- **Lachlan MacLean, Senior Vice President of Property Operations, Parkbridge**

"The West End Home Builders' Association is fully supportive of landmark legislation that moves the needle to significantly increase housing supply and address Southern Ontario's growing housing crisis. Building on the recommendations from the *Housing Affordability Task Force* report, the provincial government has proposed bold reforms to encourage all types of new housing to be built faster in communities across the province."

- **Mike Collins-Williams, CEO of the West End Home Builders' Association**

"The suite of changes outlined by Minister Clark will significantly reduce regulatory barriers that get in the way of more homes of all types getting built. The construction

industry is eager to start building so more families can find a place to call home. This ambitious plan requires a larger skilled trades workforce and Ontario needs to continue modernizing the skilled trades system so we have the workforce to build 1.5 million new homes over the next decade.”

- **Stephen Hamilton, Director of Public Affairs, Ontario Progressive Contractors Association of Canada (PCA)**