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Kari Stevenson
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Dear Kari Stevenson:

Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* was passed by the Legislature and received Royal Assent on April 14, 2022. Schedule 5 of the Bill makes changes to the *Planning Act* to:

- expedite approvals and incent timely decisions for zoning, plan of subdivision and site plan applications, and
- ensure provincial housing policies are implemented and priority projects are expedited by providing the province with new tools to address dispute resolution.

One of the *Planning Act* changes provides a new discretionary authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to suspend the time period to make a decision on official plans and official plan amendments.

I am writing to notify you that I am using this authority, pursuant to ss. 17(40.1) of the *Planning Act*, to suspend the 120-day timeline for the new County of Peterborough Official Plan, which was adopted on June 29, 2022, and received by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on August 22, 2022.

You will be notified when the Minister takes further steps under the *Planning Act* in relation to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Brian Weir, Director of Planning and Public Works