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Dear Head of Council:

Our government recognizes the importance of streamlining development approvals in land use planning in supporting the development of 1.5 million new homes by 2031. Our government will continue working with you to identify opportunities and innovative solutions that would help us effectively address the housing crisis.

I am writing you today about [public consultation](#) in the land use planning process. The *Planning Act* requires public meetings to be held prior to making certain planning decisions for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the matter under consideration.

For example, your municipal council can consider how to meet the *Planning Act*'s requirements using a variety of methods such as physical meetings, electronic or virtual channels – separately or in combination - to engage and solicit feedback from the public on land use planning matters. This may include a mixture of technologies and approaches to meet local public needs (for example, physical meetings, webinars, video conferencing, moderated teleconference). There is no requirement in the *Planning Act* to have multiple types of meetings (e.g., both a physical meeting and a virtual meeting).

Thank you for the work that you do to engage and provide the public with an opportunity to make representations on planning matters in a manner that works best in your local community.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark, written in a cursive style.

Steve Clark
Minister