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Subject: Bill 162, Get It Done Act, 2024 Receives Royal Assent

## **Dear Margaret Quirk**

Further to my February 2024 letter regarding proposed amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023* through Bill 162, the *Get It Done Act, 2024,* I am writing to advise you that on May 16, 2024, Bill 162 received Royal Assent.

The Get it Done Act, 2024 amends the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023 and makes changes to the legislatively approved official plans of some of the province's fastest-growing municipalities to address local needs, while continuing to support the government's goal of getting at least 1.5 million new homes built by 2031.

Amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023* reinstate modifications to official plans in response to municipal feedback, while protecting the Greenbelt and safeguarding public health and safety.

The amendments made to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023*, through Bill 162 include modifications to official plans related to:

- settlement area boundary expansions;
- employment area conversions;
- alignment with provincial legislation/ regulations;
- designation or policy changes needed to enable residential development (e.g., increasing maximum building height permissions); and
- other policy changes (e.g., enhanced policies regarding provincial interests, natural heritage).

These legislative amendments reinstating modifications to municipal official plans are now in effect.

The legislative amendments follow consultation with the impacted municipalities, and where appropriate, responded to feedback received. The municipalities with official plans impacted by these changes are the cities of Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa, Peterborough, the regions of Halton, Peel, Waterloo and York, and Wellington County. Modifications maintained through Bill 150 impacting these municipalities, and the Region of Niagara, continue to apply.

Ontario's success in tackling the housing supply crisis is built on our partnerships with municipalities and your commitment to build homes that makes the most sense for your communities. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff would also be happy to meet with staff from your municipality to discuss these changes and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Hon. Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

cc. CAO, Ryan Cronsberry