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Dear Head of Council:

Our government believes everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Inadequate supply and high housing costs have made housing unattainable for too many people in Ontario. We want to reduce red tape and streamline development approvals so that we can help to put affordable home ownership in reach of more Ontario families, and provide more people with the opportunity to live closer to where they work.

That is why I am pleased to provide you with this [Site Plan Control Guide](#). This guide provides an overview of site plan control and shares best practices from some communities across Ontario which municipalities may consider implementing to make the site plan process more efficient.

The Site Plan Control Guide also works to support The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and other recent changes to the land use planning system – including changes to the *Planning Act* through Bill 108, the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* and to *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. Collectively, these changes support key government priorities of increasing housing supply, supporting job creation and reducing red tape – while continuing to protect Ontarians' health and safety and the environment, including the Greenbelt.

If you have any questions about the Site Plan Control Guide, please email the Ministry at provincialplanning@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Chief Administrative Officer