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Subject: Next Steps for the Peel Region Transition Board

Dear John Livey:

Thank you for the valuable work that you and the Peel Region Transition Board members have undertaken to date.

I am writing today to provide clarity about the recalibrated scope of the Transition Board's mandate going forward, as [announced](#) in December 2023, to focus on making local government in Peel Region more efficient and responsive to the needs of residents and taxpayers. More specifically, that means:

- Accelerating the building of homes in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon to increase housing supply;
- Reducing duplication and removing layers of bureaucracy from the administration of services;
- Ensuring the continuity of services for local residents; and
- Recognizing the importance of value for money, financial sustainability and high-quality services delivered in an efficient manner.

Going forward, the Transition Board will be responsible for providing recommendations on the transfer of the following services to the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon that are currently provided by the Region of Peel:

- Land use planning;
- Water and wastewater (including stormwater);
- Regional roads; and
- Waste management.

On land use planning, the Transition Board is asked to move expeditiously to ensure that the three local municipalities are adequately equipped with the necessary resources and personnel to undertake the transfer of planning authorities, as approved through the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2023*, which will be proclaimed upon my further review of the Peel Region Official Plan. I have asked ministry staff to prioritize the Peel Region Official Plan in this regard.

On water and wastewater, the Transition Board is asked to ensure any options and recommendations that are brought forward will continue to maintain public ownership and control, including options and recommendations around the creation of a municipal services corporation or a services board.

On all services listed above, any options or recommendations put forward by the Transition Board must ensure service continuity for residents without disruption and to address all aspects important to the successful service transfer, including labour relations, corresponding back office supports, and detailed financial analysis on any local impacts. Similarly, the Transition Board should continue to prioritize the preservation of frontline workers.

All other services delivered by the Region of Peel are considered out of scope for the Transition Board at this time.

Ministry staff will continue to work with you and the Transition Board to develop next steps and provide support in the delivery of proposed recommendations by Spring 2024 for my consideration.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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