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Re: *Making Room: Shaping Big Housing Growth and Affordability in Ontario*

On behalf of the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO), I am pleased to present the attached report entitled "*Making Room: Shaping Big Housing Growth and Affordability in Ontario*" (*Making Room*). This report also responds to many of the provisions of the Province's Bill 23.

Making Room was also tabled with the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) today.

RPCO is an organization whose members provide planning services and give planning advice to municipal Councils that represent approximately 80% of Ontario's population. As such, we are fully engaged on a daily basis in matters which are urban and rural; northern and southern; small town and big city. We also understand the importance of having a healthy development industry to support sustainable community vitality across Ontario.

Making Room seeks to address the current state of Ontario in the face of today's growth pressures. It recognizes and aims to build from the many positive steps that the Province has taken in the past to address compelling housing affordability needs.

Making Room also identifies a series of gaps in addressing key housing-related growth pressures across Ontario. You will find that many gaps pertain to housing affordability, arguably the Province's biggest housing challenge.

All parties involved in the creation of new homes should be working together on increasing the velocity of housing production. This must include the many different housing affordability types and tenures.

Thank you for your consideration of *Making Room*. We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss our report. We continue to liaise with the development industry and other key partners, and to support sustainable planning in communities across Ontario.

Sincerely,



Thom Hunt, Chair
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Enclosure: Making Room

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