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His Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
City Hall
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Re: Subsidies under the Urban Native Housing Program

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be making an adjustment to the funding model for social housing. This adjustment is designed to assist Service Managers with their subsidy costs under the Urban Native Housing Program for projects with mortgages that mature before the expiry of the operating agreements.

Previously, the Province terminated funding subsidies associated with these projects at mortgage maturity. However, regardless of the earlier maturity dates for these mortgages, Service Managers are obligated – under the operating agreements with housing providers – to provide a subsidy for the duration of the agreements.

A Director's letter outlining funding details will follow shortly to Service Managers that are affected by this funding decision within the current gazetted period of 2008 to 2012.

The provincial government is fully committed to fulfilling the requirements of the Social Housing Agreement and to ensuring the financial viability of the existing social-housing stock.

Thank you for your continued support in providing housing to low-income households in Ontario.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Watson".

Jim Watson, MPP
Minister

- c: The Honourable Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster–Dundas–Flamborough–Westdale
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