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Mayor Charlie Clark
Via electronic mail
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October 16, 2023

Dear Mayor Clark,

I am writing to you after reading the City of Saskatoon's application to the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund.

Saskatoon, like too many cities in this country, is facing the impacts of the housing supply shortage. For this reason, I know we must work together in order to take meaningful action that will help to create new homes for the people of your City. I would therefore request that you make the following improvements to your application, before I make a decision on your Housing Accelerator Fund application :

- Legalize up to four units as-of-right city-wide;
- Legalize up to four storeys as-of-right within 800 metres of planned rapid transit;
- Reduce or eliminate parking requirements near rapid transit bus routes; and
- Work to increase housing density within walking distance of post-secondary institutions.

As you consider my feedback, I would request that you keep my team apprised throughout this process. We must continue to work together so that we can end Canada's housing crisis, see more homes built in Canada than ever before, and ensure that all Canadians have home they can actually afford.

We will remain a steadfast ally of the City and of any municipality ready to lead with the level of ambition required to solve Canada's housing crisis.

I appreciate you entertaining this request and look forward to future conversations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fraser'.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities