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Dear AMO Members,

Given how fluid the housing policy context has been over the past six weeks, we wanted to provide a brief update on where and how AMO continues to work on your behalf.

Bill 23 and other Housing Supply Action Plan initiatives make wide-ranging changes with fundamental impacts for the roles, budgets, and decision-making processes of local governments. We recognize how important it will be to have clarity as soon as possible regarding:

- **What changes municipal governments need to implement by when.** While Bill 23 has received Royal Assent, different elements will come into force at different times. Urgent questions remain regarding the introduction of legislation to delay development application refunding requirements under Bill 109, given imminent deadlines in current legislation. We have stressed to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing the need to provide clear and comprehensive information to municipalities about coming into force timelines of Bill 23 and legislation to amend Bill 109. We have offered to partner with Ministry officials to facilitate information sessions for members in the new year.
- **The timing, nature, and conditions of funding that the government has committed to providing municipalities to offset the impacts of Bill 23.** The government took a significant step to address municipal concerns with Bill 23 with Minister Clark's commitment to "keep municipalities whole". AMO continues to highlight to provincial government officials that to be able to make informed decisions about budgets and capital plans, municipalities need details regarding the role of housing pledge targets, the timing and scope of third-party audits, and the definition of costs for housing enabling infrastructure.

AMO will encourage the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to work with the sector on an informed, collaborative approach to addressing these and other implementation questions.

As soon as we have more information, we will be sure to share it with you. Rest assured that AMO understands the questions and challenges that Bill 23 raises for municipalities and continues to advocate strongly for a clear and collaborative path forward.

I hope you have a restful holiday season and look forward to working with you on what is bound to be a busy year ahead.

Yours truly,



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