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May 29, 2019

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Re: Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Clark:

The City of Brampton appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on *Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*. The City supports the need for greater housing affordability in Ontario, and is currently developing its first affordable housing strategy, *Housing Brampton*, to improve housing choices and affordability for all our residents.

Our initial review and analysis of Bill 108, which unfortunately was introduced following very little consultation with municipalities, suggests that the proposed changes within the legislation are unlikely to achieve its intended outcomes. For example, there is no evidence to suggest development charges (DCs) or parkland dedication requirements have an impact on the price of new housing. At the same, a glaring omission in the legislation is any means by which the savings from Bill 108 to developers would be passed along to prospective homebuyers.

Although the lack of consultation with municipalities prior to the introduction of Bill

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108 is disappointing, my most pressing concern is that the 30-day commenting period respecting the ERO postings is simply inadequate. Bill 108 proposes significant changes for land use planning related decision-making processes and reductions in the collection of DCs. We require additional time to analyze and understand the full impact, and to consult with our residents, who will ultimately be directly affected by many of the proposed changes.

Brampton City Council is formally requesting an extension to the consultation period, and that the Province conduct meaningful consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders prior to the Legislation receiving Royal Assent, which I understand is scheduled for as early as June 4, 2019.

In the meantime, included with this letter is the City of Brampton's detailed report as well as our consolidated recommendations and amendments to Bill 108.

The City is interested in continuing to engage with the Province as it moves forward to ensure that available housing within GTA and across the Province is affordable.

Sincerely,



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