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MAYOR

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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR MRAKAS ON PROVINCIAL HOUSING PLAN

"I appreciate the Provincial Government looking at how new legislation can help create more affordable housing including curbing speculation and making it easier to build more community housing by making better use of provincially-owned lands.

The Bill presented by Minister Clark today is welcomed as it abandons the Housing Affordability Task Force's 55 recommendations and commits to delivering short term solutions and long-term commitments including working with and supporting municipalities. I was encouraged to hear that the Minister has seen the importance and need for the Provincial Government to have meaningful consultation with municipalities to find the best approach to the housing crisis. If we are to find solutions to the housing crisis we need to work together – all levels of government.

I look forward to working with this and the next Provincial government to create vibrant, thriving communities to not only spur growth and create affordability but continue to maintain the uniqueness of each of the 444 municipalities in our province."

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