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Resolution No. 2003-1215

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→: Chair
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Subject: Prime Minister's Decision to Not Appoint a Minister of Housing

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on December 18, 2003:

Whereas with the presence of a Federal Cabinet Minister focused on Housing issues in the last Government, noticeable progress was being made for the first time in many years on new affordable housing delivery and related federal/provincial relations;

And whereas, with a dedicated Minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, that Corporation had begun to exhibit increased openness to dialogue about new housing solutions;

And whereas, the announcement of new and revised cabinet responsibilities illogically assigned responsibility for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to the Minister of the Environment who is not even a member of the Social Policy Cabinet;

And whereas, it is reasonable to conclude that priority to important Housing issues may be diminished as a result of these changes;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Prime Minister of Canada be requested to appoint a Cabinet Minister with a clear focus on Federal Housing Policy and Delivery;

And further, that this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other large, urban municipalities within Canada for endorsement.

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Maria Gardiner
Legislative Co-ordinator
Legislative Services

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c: Keith Ward, Commissioner of Housing and Property and General Manager, Peel Living