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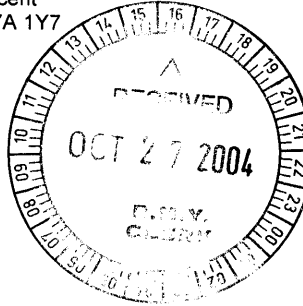


**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

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October 21, 2004

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1



Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter dated September 27, 2004 and the enclosed Progress Report and 2004/2005 Work Plan for the Housing Supply Strategy.

The Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal was created in 2003 to ensure that public infrastructure decisions and investments reflect the government's priorities for student success, healthier Ontarians, prosperity for people, creating strong communities and building a stronger democracy. Our ministry's commitment to these priorities includes developing a 10-year strategic infrastructure plan to address the province's capital growth and renewal needs. It also includes creating more affordable housing and developing a long-term growth management plan to improve the quality of life in communities across the province.

As you are aware, the province is committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing in Ontario through the Canada/Ontario Affordable Housing Program. The province will be consulting with stakeholders and, upon conclusion of the negotiations with the federal government, will re-launch a new and improved Affordable Housing Program.

Your Housing Supply Strategy contains an excellent analysis of the current housing stock, the ratio of homeownership and the availability of affordable housing. It was also interesting to note the statistics on the live-work ratio. The work I have begun with the *Places to Grow* discussion paper will hopefully address some of the inequities your report reveals.

Thank you for keeping me apprised of the work being done in York around housing issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Caplan".

David Caplan
Minister