



April 27, 2015

Dear Chair and Affordable Housing Committee Members,

**Re: AH 2.5 City of Toronto's Submission to Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update Consultation**

The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is undergoing consultations on a renewed Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy. I strongly support Councillor Bailão's recommendation (AH 2.5) for Toronto to create a submission and I am asking the Committee to add an additional recommendation to this item regarding our ongoing request for inclusionary zoning.

Despite the City of Toronto's repeated requests over the last decade, the Province's current strategy does not include granting Ontario cities the authority to enact inclusionary zoning. Meanwhile, our city is desperately in need of more affordable housing.

Inclusionary zoning would allow us to require developers to include a percentage of affordable housing units in residential developments with over 20 units and in return they could receive fast tracked approvals and other incentives. This would help us to create a steady and growing supply of affordable rent and affordable homeownership units across the city, building and fostering mixed-income neighbourhoods and providing our residents with more equal access to resources and opportunities.

I am therefore recommending that AH 2.5 be amended to include:

- 1. The City's submission to the Province of Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update Consultation, strongly reiterate our request for inclusionary zoning powers for the City of Toronto so that we can ensure more affordable rent and homeownership units are built throughout the city.*

Sincerely,

Mike Layton  
City Councillor  
Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina