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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letters and recommendations regarding emergency hostel services and the Hostels to Homes (H2H) pilot in Ontario.

As you may know, the release of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR) Report represents a new vision of the provincial-municipal relationship and provides a unique opportunity to explore new and better ways to fund and deliver services to Ontarians. The province, along with its municipal partners, is currently working towards implementing the findings identified in the report. This includes a provincial-municipal commitment to consolidate the existing range of housing and homelessness programs/services into one housing service managed at the local level.

We are currently conducting an evaluation of the H2H pilot across the six participating pilot sites to determine whether the pilot initiative has successfully met its objectives. The results of the evaluation, which will include a review of the pilot’s funding model, will assist with any decisions regarding the future of the H2H pilot.

We appreciate the input we receive from municipalities, as we continue to find ways to improve programs and services that make a positive difference in the lives of low-income Ontarians.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister

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