November 17, 2006

His Worship
Mayor Larry Di Ianni
City of Hamilton
City Hall, 1st Floor
71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Di Ianni:

First, I would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

Together, we are building strong communities for the people of Ontario, in which everyone has access to safe, secure and affordable housing. To date, more than 6,500 units of affordable housing have been approved for program funding, and approximately 2,400 of these units are currently occupied by low-income households.

Our government is encouraged by your support and would like to ensure that units developed under the program remain affordable over the long term.

We believe that developers of non-profit and co-operative housing will play a key role in ensuring that a significant number of affordable-housing units developed under the program will continue to remain affordable after the required 20-year affordability period ends. For that reason, I encourage you to give special priority to developers of non-profit and co-operative housing in the selection criteria of your Request for Proposals under the Affordable Housing Program.

Thank you again for your support. Our collaborative efforts through Ontario’s Affordable Housing Program is delivering significant results. I look forward to our continued partnership in creating safe, sustainable, affordable housing in your community.

Sincerely,

John Greetsen
Minister