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**Subject:** Thank You.

Dear Mayor Canniff (Darrin),

Our Advocacy and Government Relations Committee, a representation of our Board of Directors, reviewed the recent Council agenda report, Municipal Housing Pledges and Targets, Strong Mayor Power and Building Faster Fund, and acknowledged the build targets for Chatham-Kent appear to be achievable in viewing past builds. We are pleased to note that Council has agreed to put forth a Housing Target and House Pledge to the provincial government and look forward to the rewards that our municipality can achieve in doing so.

In our review, we were hesitant with the Mayors Strong Powers as linked to such pledge. We laud you in declining such. While we trusted that you would take the team approach, there is concern should these privileges be in the hands of leadership not holding the same philosophy. Hence, a question which I have been unable to confirm answer to - are these powers transferrable to future Mayors albeit your commitment to decline? Any further clarity you learn on this topic would be appreciated.

Darrin, we thank you and Council for making such proactive decisions and, as always, look forward to working with you for the betterment of Chatham-Kent prosperity.

Regards, Gail

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