

Attn: Ryan Nickel
City of Brandon

April 26, 2024

Re: City of Brandon Action Plan

Dear Ryan,

Thank you for Brandon's ongoing work in accelerating housing supply and diversity through zoning amendments, downtown market housing incentive, and affordable housing incentives.

We appreciate your commitment to an Action Plan as part of advancing a Housing Accelerator Fund application. A "top ten" list of municipal measures to unlock housing supply is available on the CMHC website (<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/blog/2023/10-housing-accelerator-fund-best-practices>), including reducing parking requirements, streamlining approvals processes, and introducing inclusionary zoning to enable a diversity of housing forms.

A webinar through Small Housing BC on April 29 is offering strategies and tools for introducing bylaws concerning missing middle housing and gentle density. I'll forward the registration details, and we are happy to share information on best practices from communities advancing initiatives.

The April 17 Federal budget noted that future programs through Infrastructure Canada will include housing-related criteria. While specific details for these programs will be announced later, Brandon's current work on initiatives related to the top ten list will be beneficial for achieving HAF outcomes and as preparations for future programs.

Sincerely,

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

Lance Jakubec
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