

Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

DATE: 09/01/2023 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT: Strong Mayor Powers – Request for Support

MEETING & DATE: Committee of the Whole – 09/18/2023 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Members of Council,

While attending the Association for Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in August, I attended a session where Premier Ford announced new housing targets for municipalities. At that time, Thunder Bay was assigned a housing target of 2,200 homes to be built by 2031. There may be funding available if we meet 80% of that target.

Additionally, at this event, the Honourable Premier Doug Ford conveyed that municipalities assigned a target would be granted Strong Mayor Powers upon written confirmation from the Mayor that they pledge to meet the target set by the Province. Following that, the attached letter was received by myself, the City Manager and the City Clerk from then Minister Clark. This letter requests that as Mayor I confirm the commitment to meet the housing target assigned to our city and respond in writing by October 15, 2023.

As Thunder Bay's Mayor, I am committed to the provincial priorities set by our government which include building homes in our city, and construction and maintenance of infrastructure to support housing which included transit, roads, utilities and servicing. I believe all of council is committed to the priorities outlined above and wants the best for our community.

I am asking for the support of City Council to move our city forward and to support me as we honour the request made by the Province. It is my goal to continue to work towards the development and strengthening of our relationship with the Province of Ontario to the city's best benefit.

As such, I am making the following request to you and while not required, I would appreciate the support of City Council as we work together to make a stronger and better Thunder Bay.

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Mayor Ken Boshcoff relative to Strong Mayor Powers dated September 1, 2023, we recommend in support of the Mayor's letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra confirming the city of Thunder Bay's housing target.

Attach: Letter from Minister Clark dated August 22, 2023