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Warden Chris Peabody  
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Your Worship  
Mayor Luke Charbonneau  
Town of Saugeen Shores  
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Dear Warden Peabody and Mayor Charbonneau:

Thank you for your letter dated February 7, 2023, regarding your concerns with recent changes to the *Planning Act* through Bill 23 in relation to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the time it appears to be taking for the OLT to adjudicate a particular case. I appreciate the time you have taken to write.

Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. The Act streamlines approvals for housing and reduces barriers and costs to development so that cities, towns, and rural communities can grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing types. It is unfortunate that the time taken to adjudicate this case has caused concerns, and we will continue to focus on streamlining development approvals and reduce barriers to address Ontario's housing supply crisis.

As the OLT is an independent tribunal, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the specifics of this case. I would encourage you to contact the OLT Case Coordinator, Tamara Zwarycz, at 437-219-5427 or [Tamera.Zwarycz@ontario.ca](mailto:Tamera.Zwarycz@ontario.ca).

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Clark  
Minister

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