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Dear Christine MacDonald:

Thank you for your correspondence outlining the county's concerns regarding its review of its Housing and Homelessness Plan. I appreciate the time you have taken to write.

Under section 10 of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* (HSA), Service Managers are required to review their local housing and homelessness plans ("local plans") at least once every five years. Additionally, the local plans must extend for a period of at least 10 years after the review.

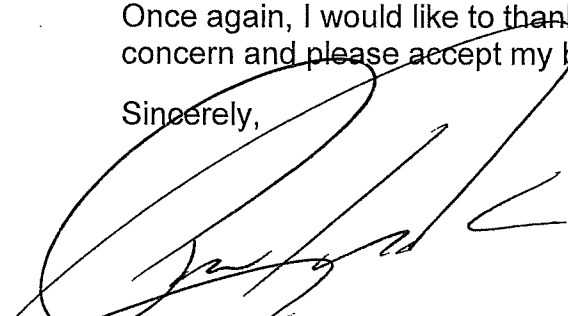
As you are aware, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is currently reviewing the policy direction that is intended to guide local plans to ensure alignment with government priorities. At this time, the ministry does not have updates to share, including updates about the timelines for the ministry to complete its review of its policy direction.

While, the ministry undertakes a review of its policy direction, we have requested that Service Managers not complete the review of their local plans. Local plans must be consistent with the policy direction that is in effect at the time of the approval of the plan.

The ministry understands the county's concern as well as the need to provide guidance in a timely manner.

Once again, I would like to thank you for taking the time to share Bruce County's concern and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing