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Mr. Fern Dominelli  
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Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
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Dear Mr. Dominelli:

**Re: Redeveloping Social Housing**

I am pleased to announce that at the Housing Services Corporation's Regeneration Forum on May 29, 2012, the Ministry introduced a new guide on social housing. It is entitled *Social Housing Redevelopment: A Provincial Guide and Perspective*. The guide is intended to be a tool for Service Managers and social housing providers who may be contemplating redevelopment. Please find a copy of the guide attached. It is also available online at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page148.aspx>.

As you know, the *Housing Services Act, 2011* provides Service Managers greater autonomy and flexibility with regard to the administration and redevelopment of local housing and homelessness matters, including social housing. Many of the responsibilities that previously rested with MMAH are now with Service Managers. With that in mind, Ministry staff are currently at work on a number of similar educational products that we hope will assist you.

My staff and I are available to speak with you to discuss social housing matters and to provide further clarification on provincial interests, if desired. We can provide guidance or advice on matters such as refinancing, social housing asset management, regeneration/redevelopment projects, funding agreements, consents, and environmental remediation. At your convenience, we would be pleased to come and see first-hand some of the good work that is happening in your municipality. The Ministry is committed to working together with you in partnership to ensure that our social housing stock is well maintained now and in future.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Extance". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Keith Extance  
Director  
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