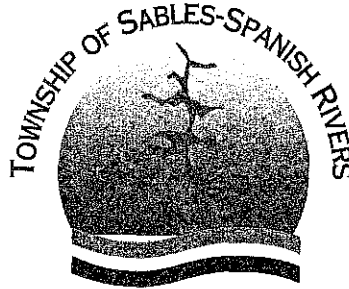


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Honourable Jason Kenney
Minister of Employment and
Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Kenney,

On behalf of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers we would like to impress upon the federal government the urgent need to come back to the table as a partner with the Provinces and Territories in funding long term social and affordable housing for our most vulnerable residents.

WE are very concerned that the federal funding for housing is declining and your government currently appears to be exiting the long term commitment to address the housing needs of the country.

If Ottawa does not change course, social housing providers across Ontario will see a \$1.3 billion decrease in federal funding over the next ten years. It was disheartening to see that this serious funding shortfall was not addressed in the recent federal budget. Municipalities and provinces will be left footing the bill.

This situation is made worse because the evidence shows that Ontario does not receive its fair share of federal funding for housing and homelessness either on the basis of population or core housing need. Ontario should receive just over 38 percent of federal funding on the basis of population but only receives approximately 33 percent.

With long term federal support for social housing declining, there is a real risk that these tenants will lose their housing. These cuts will make it more difficult to continue to help the over 260,000 Ontario families that currently live in social housing and make it increasingly challenging to help the 627,000 families that are in danger of losing their housing. We need to ensure that these tenants' homes are protected and that we remain able to help Ontarians in need of affordable housing.

Canadians deserve a national housing strategy that includes the creation of new affordable housing and maintains our existing social housing units.

It is imperative you come back to the table and sit down with the Provincial/Territorial housing ministers to work on a long term plan that addresses the need for housing across the country.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Sloss', written in a cursive style.

Kim Sloss
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing