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Good afternoon,

I am pleased to inform you that the government has announced the details of the update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy. The updated strategy is bold and transformative, and supports our goal of ending chronic homelessness in 10 years. The strategy also supports the government's vision that every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family and build strong communities.

As you know, Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy, *Realizing Our Potential*, committed the province to update its 2010 Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) by 2015-16 to reflect lessons learned, and to incorporate new research on housing and homelessness prevention issues.

Following a series of consultations in 2015, the update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy continues the work that began with the original strategy. It charts a bold, co-ordinated, and progressive course towards housing policy and programs that are relevant to current realities and reflect new research and best practices. We have also taken a whole-of-government approach to identify issues across the system and to make housing programs more people-centred and co-ordinated.

I encourage you to visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's website at [www.ontario.ca/housingstrategy](http://www.ontario.ca/housingstrategy) to learn more about the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update. We look forward to working with you in the coming months as we undertake this exciting work.

Best regards,

Ted McMeekin  
Minister