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April 15, 2015

Good afternoon,

In September 2014, the province released a new Poverty Reduction Strategy, *Realizing Our Potential*. As part of the Strategy, the government committed to updating its 2010 Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) by 2015-16. The province also committed to a bold, long-term goal to end homelessness.

The original LTAHS provided us with the opportunity to establish a better foundation for affordable housing in Ontario by building a more people-centred, partnership-based and locally driven housing and homelessness system.

While our original Strategy has helped us better meet the housing needs of Ontarians – there is still more work to be done.

Building on the principles and vision of the original LTAHS, the update of the Strategy will reflect lessons learned and new research on best practices related to housing and homelessness. This will ensure that we continue to make progress on our housing and homelessness prevention system for Ontarians.

As well, the Strategy will leverage the work of the Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness, who have been tasked with providing recommendations on a provincial definition of homelessness, data collection options, as well as approaches to developing a new homelessness-related target.

The government has released a Consultation Guide that will inform the targeted discussions for the update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy. The document can be found at www.ontario.ca/affordablehousing. We will be seeking your input in the near future.

If you have any questions about the update or wish to share comments on the Consultation Document with us, please email us at housingstrategy.mah@ontario.ca or call us at 416-585-6377 or toll-free at 1-844-308-7296 (TTY: 1-844-403-5903). We are accepting comments until July 3, 2015.

Sincerely,

Ted McMeekin
Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
