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Chair Brian Hamilton
District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board
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Dear Chair Hamilton:

I would like to thank you, your fellow board member Anne-Marie Bourgeault, and Chief Executive Officer Bill Bradica for taking the time to meet with me at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference.

I appreciated your insights into how additional Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative funding could help address housing needs and the challenges you face in securing funding for capital projects. Thank you also for your ongoing commitment to partnering in the development of the provincial supportive housing strategy.

As discussed during your delegation, we are working to stabilize federal housing funding. Along with the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am continuing to advocate for Ontario to receive the additional resources we need from the federal government to protect, renew and expand community and supportive housing across the province. Our government is taking a multi-ministry approach to supportive housing, and we look forward to further collaboration with housing stakeholders as we work toward all Ontarians having a safe, stable and affordable place to call home.

If you would like to discuss your matters further, please contact my Senior Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Maria Henein at Maria.Henein@ontario.ca. Municipal staff are also welcome to contact the ministry's regional Municipal Services Office. Regional Director Bridget Schulte-Hostedde can be reached at Bridget.Schulte-Hostedde@ontario.ca or 1-807-475-1187.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and all our partners to build more housing, support economic growth and strengthen Ontario's communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Thanigasalam".

Hon. Vijay Thanigasalam
Associate Minister of Housing

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