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Dear Co-signers:

Thank you for your joint letter of August 30, 2026, addressed to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs regarding proposed compliance for the District of North Saanich. As a provincial election has been called, I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

Effective action to address the housing crisis requires all communities, large and small, working together to provide homes for people in British Columbia. North Saanich was issued a Housing Target Order effective August 1, 2024, to deliver 419 net new units over the five-year term of the Order. In Year 1, The District significantly underdelivered net new housing and did not make satisfactory progress. An Advisor was appointed to review the District's land use planning, development approvals and decision making to enable new housing to be built more quickly. Of the 19 recommendations, four directives and five enhanced reporting requirements were proposed to the District on June 19, 2026.

As required under the Housing Supply Act and Housing Supply Regulation, the District was provided 30 days to submit written comments on the proposed compliance. The District requested and was granted a 14-day extension and used this time to solicit input from the community. The District's written submission is being evaluated along with the Advisor Report findings and Ministry staff analysis to make a final determination, which will be communicated directly with North Saanich Council when complete.

The Ministry is unable to meet or consider requests from private citizens or citizen groups related to provincial-municipal relations.

Public input in decision making is an important aspect of the local government system, and continued engagement with municipal staff and Council will inform ongoing work to address housing needs.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teri Collins". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Teri Collins
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs