



21 April, 2026

His Worship Mayor Jeromy Farkas
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Dear Mayor Farkas,

Thank you for your letter of March 13, 2026, where you outline Calgary's housing successes and request the third payment under your Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) agreement be released by March 31, 2026.

As you know, HAF helps increase the supply of housing by encouraging the end of restrictive zoning and speeding up permitting. HAF is meant to drive transformational change within the sphere of control of the local government and reward ambitious housing measures.

Since taking office, our new government has been clear about our commitment to working with municipalities in a collaborative and solutions-oriented manner when it comes to building more homes. In that light, I am pleased to see your commitment to prioritize gentle density and a recognition that Calgary must continue to deliver new housing supply. I understand that Council held a public hearing and after hearing from Calgarians, decided to repeal citywide rezoning. With this decision, I am now looking for you to provide leadership on the "more nuanced approach to land use policy" you committed to bring forward in your letter. I believe this ties in well with your stated public comments to not only repeal but replace blanket zoning.

Calgary is making important progress under the Housing Accelerator Fund. For example, your housing approvals show that initiatives, including multi-unit near transit and missing middle zoning, are having a real impact on creating new homes.

In the spirit of recognizing Calgary's progress to date, and ensuring ongoing compliance with the HAF agreement, I am approving Calgary's third payment with the following conditions:

1. That Council clearly indicate it will adopt a zoning replacement that allows a minimum of four units to be built on a lot for a significant majority of lots across the city, and
2. That any such replacement is in effect or significantly developed prior to the end date of your HAF agreement, October 27, 2026.

The approval of your final payment is subject to meeting these conditions.

I encourage you to work with your colleagues to ensure that solutions are found. As you noted, Calgary's housing strategy "Home is Here" contains bold actions that indicate your commitment to addressing the ongoing housing crisis.

I look forward to seeing your progress on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregor Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregor" being more prominent than the last name "Robertson".

The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for
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