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His Worship George Harvie
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Dear Mayor and Council:

I want to start by thanking you for putting your name forward to serve in public service. It is not an easy job to make decisions in our communities. I want to thank you for doing your best to serve the good people of Delta.

I felt it was important to clarify certain elements of our housing plan, clarify some possible misunderstandings, and share with you some feedback that I have received from people in our community.

All communities across BC are required to update their official community plans by the end of 2025. We set this timeline to ensure that the work gets done but also to ensure communities have adequate time to engage with their citizens in a thorough way. Additionally, requiring communities to update their plan every five years creates a process for regular engagement with our citizens.

I have heard from many that the Official Community Plan (OCP) needs to be made in an accessible way so that planning expertise isn't required to understand the plan. The infographic that the city sent out a few months ago was a good example. This will allow people to be better informed when providing feedback.

It is important to know that updating this plan will require engagement with the community and many feel that more engagement is needed to ensure people's voices are heard.

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It has also come to my attention that many in our community believe that the Province is requiring local governments to automatically approve subdivisions and I want ensure that it is understood that that is not a part our housing plan and decisions around this are very much in the local governments domain.

It has also come to my attention that some believe that Delta will receive a fine from the Province if they do not achieve its housing target; this is not the case.

All communities achieving our targets will ensure that collectively we have enough housing in BC.

As our community grows so will the need to improve our amenities. I was proud that we were able to provide Delta with \$16 million dollars. Building a new artificial turf field at Mackie and resurfacing of the Seaquam track are important improvements to our community. I look forward to partnering with you to do more for our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kahlon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing