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## **PROVINCIAL HOUSING SUMMIT EXCLUDES SMALL URBAN COMMUNITIES**

“The Province is holding a “Housing Summit” today with "municipal leaders" to “help solve the Housing Affordability Crisis” but didn’t include any representation of Municipal leaders from the Small Urban GTHA Mayors.

This despite the explosion of growth in smaller urban communities in the GTHA, despite the desperate need for attainable housing in our communities, it seems our voices don’t matter.

I would think it would be obvious by now that what works for large urban centres, such as Toronto or Brampton may not necessarily work for our local communities.

Attempts to generate a “one size fits all” approach is not the solution to the current crisis in housing.

If we are to find workable solutions we need to work together to create a tool box of options that municipalities large and small can use to address the needs of their specific communities. That cannot be achieved by limiting participation to big city mayors. I call on the Provincial government to include representatives from a broad range of municipalities across the Province. Our voices matter. Our experiences matter. Let us be heard and lets work together to find solutions to the crisis in attainable housing that work for ALL of us.”

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