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Please log in and distribute, thank you.

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Hello Local Government CAOs, City Managers and others,

This afternoon, Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, introduced new legislation to speed up local government development approvals. The new legislation is intended to support getting more housing built by allowing small-scale, multi-unit housing across B.C. and shifting to a more pro-active, long-term approach to planning, where local governments identify their housing needs, and then zone for what is needed. Read the news release here:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023PREM0062-001706>.

Some of the specific details about how and where these changes apply will be in the regulations coming in the near future. We will also be posting information on our new webpage as it is released: [Local government housing initiatives - Province of British Columbia](#).

We understand that this will take work to implement and require additional resources for local governments to meet these new requirements. The province has committed \$51 million in funding for local governments to support planning capacity for implementation. In the coming weeks, we'll be able to share further details about the funding and information about resources and educational opportunities.

Kind regards,

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