



Ontario Association of Architects

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The Honourable Peter Milczyn, MPP
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[sent via e-mail]

Dear Minister Milczyn:

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Architects, I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Minister of Housing.

As you are well aware, this is a critical portfolio and one in which the OAA has become more and more involved over the past year. On the heels of our jointly commissioned study, *Understanding the Forces Driving the Shelter Affordability Issue*, the OAA is currently exploring design insight papers that shed light on architectural solutions to the housing affordability crisis. We remain committed to working with Government and partners to making sure Ontarians are appropriately housed.

I also want to recognize your architectural background and your ongoing support for the profession that dates back to your days at Toronto's City Council. I look forward to continuing to build upon that relationship. I'm also intrigued to see how your academic training may be applied as perhaps the first Cabinet Minister within the provincial (and federal) government to have an architectural background.

We know you will have a busy few months ahead so we'll work to set up a meeting to discuss Bill 122 but expect this to be parked until a bit farther down the road. In the meantime, if you do find two minutes, we would love a building nomination from your riding for World Architecture Day and hope that you'll be able to join us again on October 2.

Please do not hesitate to contact us moving forward as we remain a ready and willing resource for yourself and your Ministry.

Congratulations again!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John K. Stephenson', written in a cursive style.

John K. Stephenson, Architect
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President

