



August 20, 2024

Mayor Tanya Thorn
Town of Okotoks
Office of the Mayor
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Dear Mayor Thorn:

Thank you for your letter regarding your feedback on the impact of the current structure of the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) on municipalities such as Okotoks, Alberta. I greatly appreciate your dedication and support to make housing more affordable in Alberta.

I was very pleased to learn about the actions Okotoks Council has taken to advance housing solutions in the town, including the approval of your Affordable Housing Strategy, Municipal Development Plan and Land-Use By-law. As you know, on July 8, 2024, the federal government announced that it is reopening the HAF application portal to applicants who had applied during the first round of the HAF but were not selected. I understand that the Town of Okotoks did not apply during the first round, and thus, unfortunately, is not eligible for the second round.

You may wish to visit the HAF [webpage](#) for details on eligibility for the current rounds of applications. Additionally, you may wish to visit the HAF Progress [page](#) for news releases and summaries of local action plans and initiatives funded through the program.

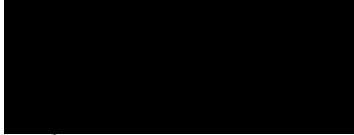
I encourage your team to stay engaged with your point of contact at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to discuss this further, and explore ways to support your local housing objectives, including [funding sources](#) through the National Housing Strategy. Arif Sayani, Senior Specialist of Municipal Relations at CMHC, remains available to support your team and can be contacted by email at asayani@cmhc-schl.gc.ca or by phone at 613-748-5665.

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The federal government will continue to take effective measures to accelerate housing construction and lower prices for Canadian buyers and renters – and is calling on provinces, territories and municipalities to do everything they can to build more homes faster.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

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