



April 20, 2026

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Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer
City of White Rock
Email: gferrero@whiterockcity.ca

Dear Guillermo Ferrero:

I am writing regarding the decision by the City of White Rock Council on March 9, 2026, to not pass third Reading of the City's updated Official Community Plan (OCP) and to direct staff to undertake further revisions.

It is the Ministry's understanding that the proposed OCP update was intended to satisfy the legislative requirements to ensure sufficient planned capacity for the 20-year housing need identified in White Rock's most recent Housing Needs Report (HNR) and to incorporate the required housing-supportive policies. We recognize the significant effort and community engagement that went into developing this updated OCP and are concerned that the requested revisions will further delay adoption.

As a reminder, the deadline for legislative compliance was December 31, 2025. All but a handful of municipalities across the province have so far confirmed compliance or are on track to do so in the immediate future, ensuring that OCPs and zoning bylaws reflect local housing needs and support new housing supply and diversity. The Province provided White Rock with \$246,896 in capacity funding to implement the legislative changes brought in Fall 2023 and spring 2024, including these proactive planning requirements.

Please respond within two weeks of receipt of this letter with White Rock's next steps and timeline for achieving compliance with the legislative requirements. The Ministry expects all municipalities to comply with the legislative requirements, and should White Rock fail to do so in a timely manner, the Ministry will consider appropriate next steps.

As the City of White Rock is subject to a Housing Target Order ([Ministerial Order: M201](#)), if a housing target is not met and satisfactory progress toward meeting this target has not been made, the Minister may appoint an advisor to review White Rock's progress and may also issue a directive to require White Rock to enact or amend a bylaw or accept or reject a permit to help meet the target.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Brooks
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Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

CC: Eric Nicholls, acting Executive Director, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs
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