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KAREN MCCRIMMON INTRODUCES BILL TO EXPEDITE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

TORONTO, Ontario – May 28, 2024 –Karen McCrimmon, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Kanata–Carleton, has introduced a Private Member’s Bill to expedite the construction of residential housing.

The bill is entitled “An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act with Respect to Change of Use Exemptions”.

The bill amends Section 177 of the Environmental Protection Act so that a regulation providing for an exemption from Clause 168.3.1 (1) (b) will not include a limitation on the height of the building.

“At a time when there is critical need for residential housing, and commercial vacancy is still very high, barriers prevent the conversion of previously commercial buildings to residential use”, said McCrimmon. “This bill would remove one significant barrier.” This bill was developed in collaboration with city planners, who have found this specific regulation to be a common barrier to building conversions.

The bill was introduced at first reading on Monday, 27 May 2024.

Further information about the bill can be provided by contacting the office of MPP McCrimmon.