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12. Housing Accelerator Fund In so many ways, this report says HAF has failed. Some HAF rules run against the public interest. Initially, many of us believed that the HAF money would support the building of homes, by paying for city infrastructure, as needed. We were told it would help. Not so! It seems that none of Ottawa's money will cover the city's out-of-pocket costs in the field. Worse than that, the city will not even collect the full municipal taxes that normal developments produce. The middle word of HAF suggests urgency, that affordable homes would be ready sooner. A greenfield development would have produced more homes sooner and at lower costs to our neighbourhoods. Like a lot of Ottawa's programs, huge amounts of tax money flow to the very few, as with ArriveCan and various green and vax acquisition schemes. If it will take more than 4 years, from 2021- 2025, to get people into those homes, has HAF not failed? With so many tracts of land already laid out for new housing, why are those builders still waiting for permits? Many thousands of new homes are just waiting for the stroke of a city pen. Has anyone on EPC noticed? Some of these shovel-ready developments, such as the Parker and Lemay lands, have been waiting for 12 years. If the city is serious about providing more homes sooner, why not approve all that are ready? Winnipeg's permit approvals process has been in the headlines before. In the interest of good governance, why not ask the Audit team to study the functionality of those processes?

Public engagement (optional)

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