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Dear Mayor Douglas,

On behalf of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, I wish to personally invite you to attend our upcoming housing summit, *Housing BC Together*, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Center on April 4-5, 2023.

The two-day summit will provide an opportunity to discuss the range of housing challenges facing communities across British Columbia. It will support and further accelerate collaboration amongst local governments, industry, the not-for-profit and Indigenous housing sectors in responding to the continuing crisis in housing affordability and attainability. The summit will also assist in the identification of solutions to address gaps in current policy, strengthen intergovernmental co-operation, and highlight best practices for local governments.

The Honourable Premier David Eby and the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, are among the speakers who will be featured at the event. The [agenda](#) will include sessions focused on increasing supply; Indigenous housing partnerships; densification & upzoning; tackling homelessness; rural and northern challenges; immigration and housing demand; speculative demand; and expediting development approvals. Full agenda details will be provided in the coming weeks and [registration](#) is now open.

The program will also provide local government delegates with opportunities to give input on the ongoing development of [UBCM's housing policy](#).

I sincerely hope that you will consider attending the event given the critical importance of housing to British Columbians, and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Jen Ford  
UBCM President