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Federal spending on social housing 'shameful,' Hume says

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OTTAWA - The new president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario joined in the provincial attack on the federal government today.

Ottawa Councillor Peter Hume said it was "shameful" that the federal government has pulled back from spending on social housing for the poor when wait times for housing is longer than ever.

Mr. Hume was echoing the message of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Jim Watson who on Tuesday complained that he and his fellow provincial ministers have not even been able to get a formal meeting with the federal minister responsible for housing, Monte Solberg.

Mr. Hume, who represents Alta Vista ward, succeeded Doug Reycraft, mayor of Southwest Middlesex.

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