

June 3, 2010

To: Executive Committee

From: Affordable Housing Committee

Subject: Presentation on the Senate Sub-Committee Report "In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness"

**Recommendations:**

**The Affordable Housing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee, for its meeting on June 14, 2010 that:**

- 1. City Council endorse the Senate Sub-Committee Report "In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness", prepared by The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Cities, which reinforces and supports the actions in Toronto's Housing Opportunities Toronto: An Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010 – 2020.**
- 2. City Council direct that this endorsement and request for implementation be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, the President of the Treasury Board, the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, the Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Provincial Premiers, Territorial Leaders and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).**
- 3. City Council direct that City staff, working with civic partners, convene a Symposium for Action within six months to serve as a catalyst for implementing "In From the Margins" and to mobilize public and political support for its report and further federal engagement on poverty, housing and homelessness solutions.**
- 4. City Council encourage the Opposition Parties to initiate a Cross Party Hearing to allow Canadians to address the Government's response to the Senate Sub-Committee Report "In From the Margins".**
- 5. City Council encourage the Senate to hold further hearings on the Government's response to their report; and**

6. **City Council encourage the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Executive to develop an implementation strategy to address the Government's response to the Senate Sub-Committee Report "In From the Margins" and to present that framework to the Fall meeting of the Social Economic Development Committee and further to prepare a briefing paper for FCM's advocacy days at Parliament Hill in November, 2010.**

#### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Affordable Housing Committee received a presentation from the Honourable Art Eggleton, P.C., Chair, Senate Sub-Committee on Cities on their report "In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness".

The Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee thanked Senator Art Eggleton for his extensive contribution and representation to the citizens of Toronto and named Senators Art Eggleton and Hugh Segal as City of Toronto Affordable Housing Champions.

#### Background:

The Affordable Housing Committee on June 3, 2010, received a presentation by The Honourable Art Eggleton, P.C., Chair, Senate Sub-Committee on Cities on the Senate Sub-Committee Report, "In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness".

#### **Background Information**

Letter, January 14, 2010, from The Honourable Art Eggleton, P.C., Chair, Senate Sub-Committee on Cities and The Honourable Hugh Segal, Deputy Chair Senate Sub-Committee on Cities English and French Versions  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/ah/bgrd/backgroundfile-30430.pdf>  
 Attachment 1 In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness Executive Summary English Version  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/ah/bgrd/backgroundfile-30428.pdf>  
 Attachment 2 In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness Executive Summary French Version  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/ah/bgrd/backgroundfile-30429.pdf>

City Clerk

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 Item AH13.1

#### Attachments

cc: Deputy City Manager, Sue Corke  
 Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer  
 Director, Affordable Housing Office  
 Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Ward 7 York West  
 The Honourable Art Eggleton, P.C. Chair,  
 Senate Sub-Committee on Cities

The Honourable Hugh Segal, Deputy Chair,  
Senate Sub-Committee on Cities  
Interested Persons

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January 14, 2010

Mr. Sean Gadon  
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Dear Mr. Gadon,

We wanted to personally thank you for your contribution to the Senate Sub-Committee on Cities report entitled, *In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness*. (A new printed version is attached for your information.) This is the most comprehensive review of poverty issues since the Croll Report of almost 3 decades ago. We are pleased with the response that it has received, and your contributions were invaluable by guiding our findings and recommendations.

As outlined in the report we must break the destructive burden of poverty and homelessness in our country. We need to fix the broken system by adopting the fundamental premise that all government programs should lift people out of poverty instead of entrapping them in it. We believe that the recommendations contained in this report – if implemented – would break these devastating restraints.

To help achieve this goal we are committed to an ongoing process of engagement to ensure that poverty, housing and homelessness issues – and the pragmatic recommendations in this report – continue to get public and political attention.

Therefore, if you know of any speaking or other opportunities that help advance the understanding of our report and engage Canadians it would be greatly appreciated if you let us know.

By building awareness around these essential recommendations we can finally lift Canadians out of poverty. To do that, we need your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Art Eggleton".

The Honourable Art Eggleton, P.C., Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh Segal".

The Honourable Hugh Segal, Deputy Chair





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Chère M. Gadon,

Nous tenons à vous remercier personnellement pour votre contribution au rapport du Sous-comité sénatorial sur les villes, intitulé *Pauvreté, logement, itinérance : les trois fronts de la lutte contre l'exclusion*. (Vous trouverez ci-joint, à titre d'information, une nouvelle version imprimée de ce rapport.) Il s'agit de l'étude la plus complète sur les questions touchant la pauvreté à être publiée depuis la parution du Rapport Croll il y a près de 30 ans. Nous sommes heureux de l'accueil qu'a reçu le rapport. Votre contribution nous a été des plus précieuses pour éclairer nos conclusions et nos recommandations.

Comme il est mentionné dans le rapport, nous devons nous libérer du fardeau destructeur de la pauvreté et de l'itinérance dans notre pays. Il faut corriger le système en adoptant le principe fondamental selon lequel tous les programmes du gouvernement doivent sortir les gens de la pauvreté plutôt que de les piéger dans celle-ci. Nous croyons que la mise en œuvre des recommandations présentées dans le rapport permettrait d'éliminer ces graves obstacles.

Pour atteindre cet objectif, nous sommes déterminés à appliquer un processus continu pour faire en sorte que les questions liées à la pauvreté, au logement et à l'itinérance, de même que les recommandations pragmatiques contenues dans le rapport, continuent de retenir l'attention du public et du milieu politique.

Par conséquent, si vous êtes au courant d'occasions de prendre la parole et d'autres possibilités de mieux faire comprendre notre rapport et de mobiliser les Canadiens, nous vous serions très reconnaissants de nous en informer.

En faisant mieux comprendre ces recommandations essentielles, nous pourrions enfin permettre aux Canadiens d'échapper à la pauvreté. Pour ce faire, nous avons besoin de votre appui.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Madame, Monsieur, nos salutations les meilleures.

Sénateur Art Eggleton  
Président  
Sous-comité des villes

Sénateur Hugh Segal  
Vice-président  
Sous-comité des villes

