

June 14, 2018

City Council Executive Committee  
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Executive Committee Members:

Re: St. Hilda's Towers

I am writing to support the “St. Hilda’s Towers Renewal Strategy” which I understand you will be considering at your meeting on June 19th.

For over 40 years, St. Hilda’s has been providing affordable housing and care for senior citizens. In recent years the demographics of our residents have significantly changed. For instance, in 1976 the average age of residents entering our apartments was 65. Today it is 89. This shift has raised serious challenges for us. The accessibility of the units coupled with our aging physical structures must be improved to keep our residents adequately housed. The care we provide to our residents now includes an extensive and complex network of physical and mental health care services – all of which impact our financial resources.

Two years ago, I was asked to address these issues. A new management structure was introduced and discussions with the City began. This led to the involvement of Sean Gadon, Director of the Affordable Housing Office and Doug Rollins, Director of Housing Stability Services.

Both directors and their teams have been working closely with St. Hilda’s. They understand the depth and complexity of the problems that we face and are aware of the resources that can be made available to ensure the continuation of our important work.

The Report you have before you is the result of detailed collaboration with the City and St. Hilda's. It demonstrates an understanding of St. Hilda's and proposes a path forward for St. Hilda's and its 400 senior residents.

As Chair of the Board and CEO of St. Hilda's Towers Inc., I urge your support for the Modernization Strategy.

Sincerely,

The Very Reverend Douglas A. Stoute

*cc: Sean Gadon*