

July 13, 2021

His Worship Mayor John Tory and members of City Council
City Hall
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Submitted electronically

RE: PH24.4 Concept 2 Keys Development Application Review Program - Q2 2021 Update

The Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON) understands that at the July 14 City Council meeting, the Concept 2 Keys Development Program Review and Update is on the agenda (PH24.4).

RESCON would like to take this opportunity to voice its strong support of the Concept 2 Keys (C2K) Program and share the benefits that the program has provided to our industry.

RESCON represents over 200 residential builders of high, mid, and low-rise buildings in the province, with a focus on the GTA. Our members build Ontario's communities and homes. We are committed to providing leadership and fostering innovation in the industry through the following six core focuses: Training and Apprenticeship; Government Relations; Labour Relations; Health and Safety; Building Science and Innovation; and Building Code Reform and Technical Standards.

The number of development applications continues to increase to meet housing demands. Historically, municipalities have relied on antiquated paper-based submissions and review, leading to further inefficiencies in the approvals process. This reliance on paper-based submissions in the development and building approvals process further exacerbates approval timelines. However, the C2K initiative presents a clear solution by increasing efficiencies and implementing customer-focused improvements. Increasing efficiencies can have significant long term positive impacts in delivering much needed housing at a faster pace while also reducing costs to builders, and in turn, homebuyers.

RESCON has been regularly engaging and collaborating with the C2K team throughout Phase 1 and support their vision for a more streamlined and improved development approvals process for both City employees and members of the development industry. We are encouraged by the positive results of Phase 1 and are supportive of the launch of Phase 2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RL", written over a white background.

Richard Lyall
President, RESCON

Copy to:

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