June 11, 2012

To: Mayor Rob Ford  
Executive Committee Members

Re: EX21.20 Ontario Power Authority Funding for Apartment Building Improvements  
Energy Efficient Impact Program

The Greater Toronto Apartment Association (GTAA) represents members that own and manage approximately 140,000 apartment suites in the Toronto area. Most of these buildings were constructed a half century ago. They were built using the most modern methods of that era, however considerable advances have been made in the areas of energy efficiency since they were originally built.

GTAA supported the application to the Ontario Power Authority’s Energy Efficiency Service Providers Initiative by the City’s Tower Renewal Office. We are delighted to learn that the City has been awarded $500,000.

We share a common goal which is to conserve energy by making the necessary physical and mechanical upgrades required to save energy and increase comfort. The education, outreach and technical expertise provided by this funding is well received as new technologies are ever emerging. The position created will certainly kick start the next wave of much needed infrastructure improvement.

GTAA fully supports this initiative and requests that the Executive Committee adopt the recommendations of the Budget Committee (May 29, 2012) and accept the OPA funding.

We look forward to continued work with the Tower Renewal Office and the City of Toronto to improve the energy efficiency of apartment buildings.

Regards,

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Greater Toronto Apartment Association