

April 13, 2018

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Executive Committee
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To Mayor John Tory and the
Members of the City of Toronto Executive Committee

RE: Item 2018.EX33.3, Development Charges Bylaw Review - Results of Additional Consultation

Habitat for Humanity GTA was pleased to see the recommendation by the Interim Chief Financial Officer regarding the conversion of the Home Ownership Assistance Program into a development charges deferral program.

We commend the Executive Committee for being open to an alternative solution and putting a process in place that led to this recommendation. We are appreciative of the collaboration that occurred between City of Toronto Finance, the Affordable Housing Office and the non-profit affordable ownership providers (Habitat for Humanity GTA, Options for Homes, Home Options Alternatives and Trillium Housing) and are fully supportive of the recommendation that has resulted.

A development charges deferral program would help to **increase the supply of affordable housing** in the City, provide a **positive return to the City** while enabling non-profits to continue to **deliver affordable ownership housing to low and moderate income households**. Moreover, a development charges deferral program would create **less administrative burden** than the current Toronto Home Ownership Assistance program.

We look forward to working with the Affordable Housing Office and other partners in developing the program details for recommendation to the Affordable Housing Committee on June 25th, 2018.

In partnership,



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