

# West Don Lands Committee

# EX1.1.3

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Corktown Residents & Business  
Association

Distillery Historic District

Dixon Hall

Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation

Friends of Corktown Common

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Bring Back the Don

January 22, 2019

By email to exc@toronto.ca

Executive Committee  
City of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory and Members:

**Re: Ex 1.1 Housing Now**

I am writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee, a coalition of community-based resident, business, service, environmental and heritage organizations to express support for the Housing Now report and Staff Recommendations.

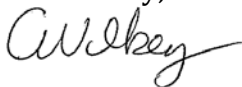
Our members have been active advocates for affordable rental housing over the past two decades and have often written and deputed in support of more ambitious targets and initiatives.

The dedication of surplus or underdeveloped municipal property to projects that can increase the supply of affordable rental housing is a crucial direction for the city. The model that is being proposed in the Housing Now report builds on the City's participation in the Provincial mixed market rental pilot that is currently being implemented in the West Don Lands and adds significant enhancements such as support for capacity building within the non-profit sector and significantly increased capacity within the city.

It is of particular significance that, as with the West Don Lands pilot, the city will be requiring a 99-year period of affordability for the 30% affordable rental units. Ensuring that the city investment in affordable housing can anchor stable mixed income communities off into the future is a fundamentally important feature.

While this phase of implementation is a welcome new direction for the City, it will be important for Council to continue to find opportunities to address the growing crisis of affordability. We would hope that CreateTO working in partnership with the City will make place the highest priority on identifying further sites that have the potential to be developed using this model.

Yours truly,



Cynthia Wilkey, Co-Chair, West Don Lands Committee