ATTACHMENT 2 – PROGRESS TO-DATE ON RHI PHASE ONE SITES

The following projects have been individually announced and progressed through City planning approval processes since January 2021:

1) 877 Yonge St.

The City of Toronto purchased the building at 877 Yonge Street to provide new homes for approximately 250 people. The new homes will be studio and one-bedroom apartments with a bathroom and a kitchen. The building will also include amenities such as shared laundry, a dining area, a communal area, and a programming space. Tenants, who will include women, Indigenous residents, seniors, people with disabilities and people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, will have access to a variety of support services.

This building will be managed by St. Clare’s Multifaith Housing Society, a qualified and experienced non-profit housing provider which brings professional building management experience and expertise providing customized supports tailored to meet the unique needs of each resident. Experienced support workers will be in the building 24/7 to connect residents to a range of supports provided by the non-profit housing operators, health care professionals and other community-based programs.

The renovations at this building has been progressing in two stages to facilitate rapid and safe occupancy by new tenants. The first phase, which completed end of July 2021, made 88 units available for occupancy and St. Clare’s, in partnership with Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, is working to identify and move tenants to their new homes. Remaining units will be renovated in the coming months and it is expected that the remaining units will start becoming available for occupancy by end of 2021.

2) 222 Spadina Ave.

The City of Toronto purchased the former Super 8 hotel at 222 Spadina Ave. to provide new homes for approximately 84 people. The new homes will be studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments with a bathroom and a kitchen. The building will also include amenities such as shared laundry, a dining area, a communal area, and a programming space. Future tenants, who will include women, Indigenous residents, seniors, people with disabilities and other people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, will have access to a variety of support services provided by an experienced and qualified non-profit housing provider.

The Super 8 Hotel was previously used as temporary shelter as part of the City’s response to COVID-19 and the need for physical distancing in the shelter system. With support from the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division (SSHA), shelter residents moved to a new temporary shelter location at 92 Parliament St. in April and May 2021. Acquisition and conversion of this temporary shelter is aligned with the City’s commitment under the HousingTO Plan to focus government invests in permanent
affordable and supportive housing to support the health and well-being of people experiencing homelessness.

Renovations are currently underway in this building and these 84 homes are expected to be ready to start occupancy by end of 2021.

3) 292-296 Parliament St.

The City of Toronto has purchased the building at 292-296 Parliament St. using City funding and is using RHI funding to renovate the building for approximately 24 people. The new homes will be one- and two-bedroom apartments with a bathroom and a kitchen. The building will also include shared laundry, a dining area, a communal area, and a programming space. Future tenants, who will include women, Indigenous residents, seniors, and other people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, will have access to a variety of support services provided by an experienced and qualified non-profit housing provider.

Renovations are currently underway in this building and these 24 homes are expected to be ready to start occupancy by end of 2021.

4) 4626 Kingston Rd.

The City of Toronto purchased the site at 4626 Kingston Road to renovate the existing motel and add a new five-storey building using modular construction. This would create approximately 83 new homes with 24/7 on-site supports for residents.

The new homes will be studio apartments with a bathroom and a kitchen. The site will include amenities such as shared laundry, a commercial kitchen, a dining area, a communal area and programming space. Future tenants, who will include women, Indigenous residents, seniors, and other people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, will have access to a variety of support services provided by an experienced and qualified non-profit housing provider.

Renovation of the motel is underway and it is expected approximately 21 homes to be ready to start occupancy by the end of the year.

5) 150 Dunn Ave.

The proposed new four-storey modular building at 150 Dunn Ave. will provide permanent, affordable and supportive homes for approximately 51 people. The new homes will be studio apartments with a bathroom and a kitchen. The building will also include shared laundry, a commercial kitchen, a dining area, a communal area, and a programming space. The land is owned by the University Health Network (UHN) and will be leased to the City for the purpose of modular housing development for 50 years.

This project is delivered in partnership with all orders of government, the UHN Gattuso Centre for Social Medicine and the United Way of Greater Toronto (UWGT). The support services model for this site will be developed by UHN Gattuso Centre for Social
Medicine, the City of Toronto and community partners. It will incorporate a range of health and social services to be delivered onsite. Through this partnership with UHN, residents, who will include seniors, women, Indigenous residents, racialized people, people with disabilities and other people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, will also be connected to primary care and other health services within the hospital's Parkdale campus.

The project is currently under site plan review process. A staff report with recommended zoning changes will be considered at the Planning and Housing Committee meeting of September 21, 2021 to advance the project through a request for Ministerial Zoning Order. The building is expected to be ready to start occupancy in spring of 2022, subject to obtaining necessary planning approvals.

6) 75 Tandridge Cres.

This project is no longer proceeding due to the technical work needed on the site that will extend beyond the Rapid Housing Initiative. Many homes and communities already exist in floodplains, however planning for new development in these areas can be more complex as additional work can be required. Staff will continue to work on flood plain mitigation measures and will report to Committee and Council with updates as they become available.

In order to meet the City's commitments under RHI, and continue to address the urgent need for new affordable and supportive homes in Toronto, staff are exploring alternative projects that can proceed rapidly following the cancellation of the Tandridge project.