



MIZIWE BIIK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GTA ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Letter of Support from MBDC

June 13, 2022

Members of City Council
City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON
M5H 2N2

Dear Councillors,

**Regarding Motion MM45.6 for the Toronto District School Board to
Support an Indigenous-led Affordable Housing Project**

Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC) serves the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Indigenous community by providing opportunities for economic advancement and self-sufficiency through the creation of safe, affordable Indigenous-led housing.

In a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Toronto and MBDC dated February 28, 2022, MBDC is identified as the intermediary organization to assist in the creation of 5,200 new affordable rental units for Indigenous households as part of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan. MBDC fully supports opportunities that will allow us, in partnership with the City, to fulfil the goal of the Action Plan and ultimately create thriving communities through the provision of safe and affordable housing.

MBDC supports this motion that will allow Gabriel Dumont Non-Profit Homes (Metro Toronto) Inc. to acquire a portion of greenspace property adjacent to their 4201 and 4203 Kingston Road site, for the purpose of creating 60-80 new deeply affordable rental units for Indigenous household therefore, we respectfully request City Council approve this motion.

Sincerely,

Lorna Lawrence
Executive Director,
Miziwe Biik Development Corporation

Cc. Nancy Martin
President,
Miziwe Biik Development Corporation