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... and the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom

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Clerk Planning and Housing Committee

RE: 2023.PH8.10 Open Door Incentives to Support 856 Affordable Rental Homes

November 30th, 2023 Committee Meeting

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to pass on our deep appreciation to the city for its leadership in creating affordable rental housing, and to express our gratitude to your staff who have and are offering expert advice to our team as we work to develop a minimum of 97 affordable housing units in the Mound Dennis Neighbourhood.

With the moral, planning and financial support of the City we will now be able to engage other levels of government. As you all know we need all levels of government actively working together for Toronto to become a livable city for all.

The Mount Dennis Quilt project is unique for a few reasons. First and foremost it has broad community support because it includes community supports and programs and space. Secondly, it is currently the only affordable housing proposal in the Mount Dennis area which will see the addition of some 20,000 new residents over the coming years.

We recognize that we are not alone in this work. We are pleased to be associated with the list of organizations who are also working to build affordable homes which are being recommended in the staff report, and who are similarly working to create a more equitable Toronto. It is, I believe, through working with the non-profit sector that we can create the largest and longest lasting impact.

We urge you to approve this report.

Sincerely, /

Peter Frampton, Executive Director