



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

June 16, 2025

Dear Members of Executive Committee,

RE: Supporting the City's Residential Construction Program

The City's plan for 65,000 new homes, including 6,500 new affordable, rent controlled units is ambitious and necessary to address our housing crisis. I am committed to making sure our public building plan becomes a reality.

While we partner with other levels of government to fund these projects one of our key allies in delivering on this plan will be the skilled building trades, who turn wood, bricks, and concrete into homes. They have the expertise to get the construction done quickly and safely, and supporting the Canadian construction sector is even more vital now with the uncertainty in the United States.

These trades are highly skilled and experienced at effectively, efficiently, and safely delivering complex construction projects. They are an asset to our city as we continue to deliver on our commitments to building new homes for our current and future residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Executive Committee request the City Manager, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, Chief People Officer, Deputy City Managers and Chief Procurement Officer, to review the financial and programmatic impacts of the City voluntarily recognizing additional building trade unions, including those represented by the Central Ontario Building Trades Council, in the residential sector of the construction industry.

Sincerely,

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Olivia Chow
Mayor of Toronto