

September 2, 2025

Housing Rights Advisory Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Housing Rights Advisory Committee Members:

Re: Access to Affordable Rental Housing

Summary

Equitable access to affordable rental housing in Toronto is central to the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing. To improve housing adequacy, all individuals must have access to housing that is affordable, safe, and enables them to meet their basic needs. As the City works toward integrating affordable homes into the Choice-based Housing Access System, it is essential that staff continue to engage HRAC in this critical work and apply human rights-based considerations and principles in the design, implementation, and continuous improvement process. This can help ensure that affordable housing opportunities are made available to those who may face barriers accessing housing that is affordable, safe, and helps them meet their needs.

Recommendation

That the Housing Rights Advisory Committee:

Request the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to continue to consult with the Housing Rights Advisory Committee as it works toward the integration of affordable rental housing into the Choice-based Housing Access System, and present at the November 19, 2025 Housing Rights Advisory Committee meeting on how the City will integrate human rights-based principles in the design, implementation and continuous improvement process of the Choice-based Housing Access System for affordable housing.

Submitted by Ann-Marie Moulton, Vice Chair, Housing Rights Advisory Committee