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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 8, 2025 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2025.PH21.4, Toronto Builds - A Policy Framework to Build More Affordable Rental Homes on Public Land

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

The Community Housing Transformation Centre is a catalyst for the growth of community housing across Canada. We are encouraged by the City's leadership in launching the Toronto Builds Policy Framework, which represents a coordinated approach to leveraging public lands and engaging all levels of government in addressing our housing crisis.

The framework's focus on harmonizing development processes, creating mixed-income communities, and providing targeted financial incentives aligns perfectly with proven best practices we've witnessed across the country. We particularly applaud the City's commitment to building sector capacity through meaningful partnerships with Indigenous and community housing organizations.

We look forward to collaborating with the Development and Growth Services and Housing Secretariat departments to support implementation of this ambitious plan. Our pan-Canadian perspective offers valuable opportunities to:

- Share successful models from other jurisdictions that could enhance Toronto's approach
- Connect Toronto's non-profit housing sector with nationwide capacity-building resources and funding as appropriate
- Document and share Toronto's innovations in other communities facing similar challenges

By aligning land, funding, financing, and partnerships across different levels of government and sectors, this initiative has tremendous potential to accelerate affordable housing development at a critical time.

We look forward to the opportunity to contribute our expertise and national network to ensure

the success of this vital initiative.

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