



MIZIWE BIIK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

October 28, 2025

Re: PH25.4 – 2024-2025 Annual Progress Report – HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan and Housing Action Plan (2022-2026)

Dear Planning and Housing Committee:

Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC) was established in 2009 as the result of an extensive consultation process to determine how best to utilize the Aboriginal Housing Trust Fund within the community. Since that time, MBDC has been providing affordable housing solutions to the Indigenous community by providing financial assistance to Indigenous Housing Providers for the creation of safe, affordable rental development. MBDC partners with community Indigenous service providers to assist households by providing support services that enhance housing stability. While safe affordable housing is in short supply across Ontario, it is especially true for the Indigenous community in the GTA. In the City of Toronto Indigenous persons are consistently over-represented in the homeless population and households in core household need exceed that of non-Indigenous households.

We are writing in support of the report recommendations relating to the Rental Housing Supply Program (RHSP) Funding Set-Aside for Indigenous-led housing providers. Our organization discussed feedback received from Indigenous-led housing providers with City staff regarding the challenges faced by them in accessing capital funding and pre-development loan set-aside under the RHSP. The proposed program changes, including consultation with MBDC to approve eligible projects and moving to a rolling call for applications, responds to these challenges.

The adoption of these recommendations is an important step to meeting the City's HousingTO commitments and targets of approving 5,200 for Indigenous, by Indigenous affordable and supportive homes by 2030. Ultimately, the actions achieved through this partnership will help to increase access to culturally appropriate, affordable housing and supportive services for Indigenous residents for generations to come.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the City on increasing the number of Indigenous-led housing projects approved under the RHSP.

Sincerely,



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