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Re: Planning and Housing Committee Item # 26.8 – Tenancy Update with Beech Hall Housing Co-operative and Alexandra Park Housing Co-operative

Members of the Planning and Housing Committee:

As the President of the Beech Hall Housing Co-operative, I am writing in support of the report and recommendation contained in item PH: 26.8. We also want to thank Councillor Frances Nunziata, members of Toronto City Council and city staff for their ongoing commitment and support in securing a long-term future for the Beech Hall Housing Co-operative and its residents.

Beech Hall Housing Co-operative has been providing affordable co-operative housing to low-income seniors in the former City of York for more than forty-five years. We also hold the distinction of being the first seniors housing co-operative in Canada. We are a community of seniors who live in one-hundred and twenty-seven units, within seventeen separate low-rise buildings that first opened in 1950.

As a democratically managed housing co-operative we take great pride in providing secure and safe affordable homes to our members in the absence of any ongoing municipal, provincial or federal operating subsidies. At the same time, Beech Hall remains affordable for seniors, we have just approved our 2026 housing charges, which are set at \$653 plus hydro for a bachelor suite and \$883 plus hydro for a one-bedroom suite.

Going forward we are ready to work with city officials on a comprehensive inter-divisional plan to renew our lease, but a plan that also recognizes that the buildings and suites owned by the city are seventy-five years old and in need of funding for capital upgrades. We are keen and ready to negotiate a long-term lease and contribution agreement with the city that will ensure that Beech Hall remains an affordable, safe and secure home for seniors living independently in our community.

Yours truly,



Roger Sauve