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April 20, 2026

Dear Members of Council,

**RE: 2026.PH29.5 - Advancing the Systems Affordable Housing Access System**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (**CHFT**), I wish to comment on the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director of the Housing Secretariat dated March 27, 2026, as amended by the Planning & Housing Committee at its meeting on April 14, 2026.

For more than a half century, co-op housing has been critical to Toronto's non-market housing sector. In Toronto alone, CHFT has over 160 housing co-ops, with close to 40 thousand people living there. With the resurgence of interest in co-ops as a vehicle for decent, affordable, and secure housing and the critical place those resulting self-governed, mixed-income communities have in the fabric of the City, we are confident you share our belief and our confidence that the number of people benefiting from co-op housing will only increase in the decades to come. Certainly, the support we've received from Council and the Housing Secretariat in our 612-unit Kennedy Green development, the 32 units recently received in the Don Summerville revitalization, and the countless other co-op initiatives that are in the pipeline are examples of this shared commitment.

We know too that Council will wish that the co-op voice be heard and where possible, reflected in any improvements to the allocation of affordable housing going forward.

We ask therefore that Council provide time for more consultation, including more intensive time one-on-one with CHFT, as any new allocation system will have significant implications on how we grow Toronto's housing co-operative sector.

We value our ongoing and strengthening partnership with the City of Toronto and look forward to developing a unit allocation system for Toronto's non-market housing supply equitably and fairly.

Regards,



Tom Clement  
Executive Director, CHFT