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Mayor Olivia Chow, Chair, Executive Committee

City of Toronto

100 Queen Street West

Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: EX32.5/EX32.5a – Toronto Hydro Supporting Multiplex Housing Report

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of the Executive Committee,

River Developments is a Toronto-based homebuilder, and we're writing in support of Council's direction on this item.

We support the report's overall direction and the planned actions on standards, processes, and cost predictability. In particular, we'd encourage Council to prioritize flexibility on aerial service for 400-amp connections. Toronto Hydro's current policy requires these connections to go underground regardless of site conditions, even though this exceeds what's required under the Ontario Electrical Safety Code and isn't consistent with the approach taken by other Ontario utilities. For smaller multiplex builders working with tighter margins, the cost difference between an aerial and an underground connection can be the difference between a project moving forward or not.

We'd also encourage Council to push for standardized timelines and a more predictable approval process for multiplex connections generally, so builders can plan and finance projects with confidence.

Thank you for considering our input, and for the work already underway to make multiplex housing easier to build in Toronto.

Sincerely,

Paul Ferraro