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## Interview with Gene Jones



Our new President and CEO Gene Jones will arrive on Monday, June 18. Recently, staff sat down with Gene to ask him some questions. When asked about his plans for his first 100 days, Gene replied: “I plan

to meet all directors and staff, visit all sites, and meet with tenants and tenant leaders while getting a good look and feel of how Toronto Community Housing operates. I will look for the positives and make some assessments and decisions about what the company needs for its executive team and build it up. This will help us improve our credibility.”

Read the rest of the [Q&A with Gene](#) on our website.

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## Chair responds to Minister Wynne's decision

Bud Purves, chair of Toronto Community Housing's board of directors, responded on June 13 to Ontario housing minister Kathleen's Wynne's decision to approve the corporation's plan to sell 65 stand-alone properties to raise funds to pay for capital repairs. Read Bud's [statement](#).

## Update: Councillor Ana Bailão's housing working group

The Affordable Housing Special Working Group led by Councillor Ana Bailão recently provided an [interim report](#) on the completion of the first phase of their work to study at the [proposed sale of Toronto Community Housing's stand-alone](#)

[properties](#). The working group's first phase included staff briefings and the [creation of ways for the public to provide input](#). Its second phase, which has started, will include a survey of tenants who live in the stand-alone properties, a survey of non-profit organizations to gauge their interest in purchasing the properties, an Ideas Forum on July 3, and a Suggestions for Action event.

## Energy Savings a Win-Win for Toronto Community Housing

Toronto Community Housing has been recognized for its leadership in promoting energy efficiency by Natural Resources Canada. Work led by the Smart Buildings and Energy Management Unit has earned the company an [ENERGY STAR™ Market Transformation Award](#) in the category of Advocate of the Year: Multiple Products. The 2012 awards were presented on June 6 in Ottawa. The awards salute utility providers, manufacturers, retailers, advocates and home builders that have shown commitment to manufacturing, marketing and promoting energy-efficient products. Read [more](#).

## Community Management Plan Tenant Consultations

This year we are updating our strategic business plan, the Community Management Plan (CMP). In June, we have held nine CMP consultation meetings across the city to hear tenants' ideas about key actions that Toronto Community Housing should take in three priority areas: Successful Tenancies; Repairs to Buildings; and Generating Revenue. In the coming months, we will host a Stakeholder Summit to engage partners, influential thinkers and others in a discussion about the three priority areas. To learn more about the CMP, visit [www.torontohousing.ca/cmp](http://www.torontohousing.ca/cmp).

## City of Toronto's Seniors Strategy

City staff reported to the Seniors Strategy Subcommittee on the [status of the development of a Seniors Strategy](#). Staff will be consulting with seniors to get their input and will also be working with city departments and stakeholders, including [Toronto Community Housing](#), to develop the strategy. Many recommendations about seniors in past City reports have dealt with housing issues, so it is expected that a good part of the strategy will address housing issues. The City will present a final report and strategy to the subcommittee in early 2013.

## Contact us

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