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Dear stakeholders:

On March 6, Toronto City Council considered Toronto Community Housing's proposal to sell 675 stand-alone properties to raise an estimated \$222 million to pay for repairs to our existing buildings and improve housing for 55,000 tenant households.

Council has approved the sale of 56 vacant houses. This will raise at least \$20 million. The money will directly benefit our tenants, as we will use the sales proceeds for much-needed repairs of our existing housing portfolio.

Council also passed a resolution asking Councillor Ana Bailão, chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, to lead a special housing working group that will study various approaches for tackling our \$751 million capital repair backlog. We welcome the opportunity to support Councillor Bailão and the working group. We look forward to working together with the City, tenants, experts and many others to find a lasting solution to our capital funding challenges.

Stay informed about the repairs we'll be doing and our participation in the housing working group by logging on to our [Web site](#) or following us on [Twitter](#).

Yours sincerely,

>> Len Koroneos
Chief Executive Officer (interim)

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Partnerships create youth leadership and learning opportunities

The recent sale of four stand-alone properties is helping Toronto Community Housing tenants in more ways than one. The sales are raising money for much-needed repairs. And thanks to the realtor who helped sell the houses, money is being also raised for scholarships that help young tenants access jobs and skills training and overcome financial barriers to attending college or university.

Les Wallace of RE/MAX Unique Inc. is donating 20 per cent of the real estate commissions to the [Scadding Court Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program](#).

“I feel wonderful that I am able to assist young tenants,” Wallace said. “There is no greater waste in our city than a young person who for financial reasons is unable to obtain their full potential.

“If my donation is able to help one person, I will consider it a great success.”

Through its community economic development program, Toronto Community Housing works with many local business partners and community agencies to encourage them to fund scholarships that can help youth overcome financial barriers to education, and to connect tenants to these opportunities.

If you want to support the Scadding Court scholarship program, or if you have an idea or a service that might benefit tenants, please contact Gladys Okine at gladys.okine@torontohousing.ca.

A new approach to cleaning clutter

Toronto Community Housing is building on our strong practices for unit inspections by adding new elements and partnerships for helping tenants clean up clutter.

We have developed a process to guide staff in responding to situations where unit inspections have found units with excessive clutter and related fire hazards, pests, and tenant health and safety concerns. We call it the [Unit Condition Follow-Up Process](#).

The process identifies how staff should respond to different situations involving tenants with excessive clutter. That includes working closely with external partners like Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Public Health and the City of Toronto’s Municipal Licensing and Standards division. It also means working closely with tenants to help them meet their obligations as tenants and live in safe and healthy homes.

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Toronto Community Housing continues to take action to strengthen our business foundation, to ensure we are [transparent and accountable](#), and spend scarce housing dollars wisely and well.

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Quick action on the job saves a life

Time seemed to stand still for Dennis Wilson.

It was shortly after 11 a.m. on February 22, and Wilson, senior superintendent at 415 Driftwood Ave., was kneeling over the motionless body of an elderly tenant.

When he realized the tenant wasn’t breathing, Wilson’s CPR training kicked in. He put the tenant into the recovery position and made sure the airway was clear. “I talked the situation through with the 911 operator,” recalled Wilson. “Shortly after that, the paramedics arrived. It seemed like forever.”

It was the first time Wilson had used the CPR training he first received 24 years ago and has since refreshed every two or three years to remain certified.

“It’s great to get your CPR training because you never know when you might need to use it,” Wilson said. “It feels good that I was able to help.”

The tenant is recovering. [Read more...](#)

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