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CEO's Message



Dear stakeholders,

On October 30, City Council [adopted the report of the Special Housing Working Group](#) chaired by Councillor Ana Bailão. This is good news for Toronto Community Housing. Action is clearly needed to address our \$751-million capital repair backlog, and Council approved the working group's recommendation to sell 55 homes that either are worth more than \$600,000 or are vacant and badly in disrepair. This is a start at raising the money we need to fix our buildings, and I look forward to working with the City over the coming months to examine how we can implement the report's other recommendations.

Also, as you'll read below, North York Community Council [approved the phase one by-law amendments](#) for the Lawrence Heights revitalization on November 6, 2012. In Regent Park, we proved that revitalization works. Going forward, we are poised to build on this success and expand our community revitalization efforts into other neighbourhoods across the city on a continuing basis, starting with Alexandra Park, Allenbury Gardens, Leslie-Nymark and Lawrence Heights.

Gene Jones President and CEO

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Moving Forward With the Sale of 68 Houses

Toronto Community Housing is moving forward with the sale of 68 vacant stand-alone properties to generate an estimated \$24 million to pay for much-needed capital

repairs that will benefit more than 12,000 households in buildings across the city.

In October, we listed a residential property for sale on the open market. The property is located at [237 Crawford Street](#). The proceeds from the sale of this property will be allocated to the [State of Good Repair Fund](#).

Learn more about the sale of houses [here](#).

Thriving People, Thriving Places a Success!

Thank you to the more than 200 civic leaders, Toronto Community Housing residents and housing experts who joined us on October 24 at the Thriving People, Thriving Places summit.

The event brought together fresh ideas about the housing affordability in the Toronto region. Speakers included the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, then Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Gene Jones, President and CEO of Toronto Community Housing; Tim Jones, CEO of Artscape; and Councillor Ana Bailão, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. We would like to especially thank the Emerging Leaders Network for helping to make the event a success.

Toronto Community Housing will be following up with attendees who expressed an interest in becoming involved. If you are interested in exploring new ideas and solutions to address the issue of housing affordability in Toronto, email us at cmp@torontohousing.ca.

42 Hubbard Recognized at the Heritage Awards

Toronto Community Housing received an Honourable Mention in the 2012 Heritage Toronto Awards for the reconstruction of 42 Hubbard Boulevard, a 27-unit, three-storey red brick building in the Beach. We worked with our partners from Van Elslander Carter Architects and Lisgar Construction to completely reconstruct the building, preserving all the original 1928 building facades in the process.

Read more [here](#).

Olympians and Councillor Layton Team Up for Bike Giveaway

Five Canadian Olympic athletes came to Toronto Community Housing's building on 177 Pendrith Street to take part in [a community event](#), organized by Ward 19 City Councillor [Mike Layton](#), to give away 50 donated bikes to cyclists of all ages. Toronto Community Housing residents were among the many Ward 19 residents to win a free bicycle for their stories, poems and drawings about why cycling is important to our city. The 50 bicycles were generously donated by [Gears Bike Shop](#), which provided bikes in all shapes and sizes for residents.

Read more [here](#).

Lawrence Heights Gets the Green Light

The transformation of the [Lawrence Heights](#) neighbourhood took an important step from vision to reality with the unanimous approval of the phase one by-law amendments on November 6, 2012.

When complete, revitalization will replace the 1,208 aging social housing units in Lawrence Heights with new, quality, energy-efficient homes side-by-side with 4,100 new units of market housing. The revitalization follows years of input and involvement with Lawrence Heights residents, community partners and the City of Toronto.

Read more about it [here](#).

Contact us

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