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## CEO's Message



Dear stakeholder,

Last week, the City Executive Committee unanimously approved the report of the Affordable Housing Working Group chaired by Councillor Ana Bailão. The report provides recommendations to help Toronto Community Housing address our \$751-million capital repairs deficit while maintaining quality affordable homes for residents. Next, the report will go to City Council for approval on Oct. 30-31.

As I told the City Executive Committee, Toronto Community Housing's challenge is that we need more money to pay for repairs to fix our buildings, and we need it soon. Every one of our residents deserves to live in a clean, safe, well-maintained home, but this will remain an elusive goal until we can afford to maintain all our buildings in good repair. Without new money, many more of our older buildings will soon decline into a state of critical disrepair, unsafe to live in and far too costly to fix.

Toronto Community Housing welcomes the report. We look forward to continuing to work with City Council, our residents, and our many partners to explore the working group's recommendations in order to find solutions that improve the state of repair of our housing and build healthy communities.

Eugene Jones Jr.

President and CEO

Read Gene's statement to the City Executive Committee [here](#).

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## Thriving People, Thriving Places: Why affordable housing matters (and what you can do about it)

On October 24, Toronto Community Housing and [CivicAction's Emerging Leaders Network](#) will host a half-day conversation with housing and city leaders on housing affordability issues in the Toronto region.

The Thriving People, Thriving Places summit will feature Toronto Community Housing President and CEO Gene Jones, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Kathleen Wynne, Toronto City Councillor Ana Bailão and [Artscape](#) CEO Tim Jones. Panel and group discussions will focus on the best ways to provide necessary support to social housing residents, maintain homes and deliver affordable housing. You can learn more about how these challenges affect Toronto Community Housing [here](#).

There are only 120 spaces available, so if you would like to attend register now on [Eventbrite](#).



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## More Exciting News in Regent Park

September was an exciting month in Regent Park.

On September 12, President and CEO Gene Jones, joined by representatives of The Daniels Corporation, the MLSE (Maple Leaf Sports Entertainment) Team Up Foundation, the MY Regent Park Project and the City of Toronto, unveiled a [map \[PDF\]](#) of [phase three](#) of the community's revitalization.

On September 20, Torontonians celebrated another important milestone in the community's revitalization when Daniels Spectrum, the new arts and cultural centre in Regent Park, opened its doors. To find out more about Daniels Spectrum, visit <http://regentparkarts.ca>.

To learn more about what's happening in Regent Park, [visit our website](#).

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## Joel Weeks Park – Rivertowne Opening

On September 15, residents of the Rivertowne neighbourhood celebrated the opening of Joel Weeks Park. The new one-hectare park expands the former Joel Weeks Parkette, increasing green space in the community, and features refurbished basketball courts, a new playground and waterplay area. Rivertowne is Canada's first public housing development rebuilt as a mixed-income community. Read more about the new park and the launch event [here](#).



## Another Innovative Partnership Improves Facilities for Residents

Thanks to the work of Rolly Goldring from the Scarborough Village Neighbourhood Association and staff from Action for Neighbourhood Change, residents from the Markham / Eglinton neighbourhood celebrated the re-opening of their renewed basketball court.

With the support of Toronto Community Housing staff, the partners were successfully awarded a grant from the MLSE Team Up Foundation. Through financial support from partners and donors, the foundation paved the court, painted court lines, and updated backboards, rims and nets.

For more information and photos of the basketball court re-opening, read [here](#).

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## Attention Realtors: Toronto Community Housing is Looking for Realtor services

Toronto Community Housing has issued [a Request for Proposal for professional realtor services](#) to manage the sale of the properties is moving forward with the sale of 68 vacant stand-alone properties to generate an estimated \$24 million in much-needed funding for repairs.

Sixty-five properties were approved for sale in June 2012. An additional three properties, previously approved but yet unsold, are also included in the RFP.

Realtors interested in the RFP can learn more on our [website](#). Proposals must be received by October 17, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. local time.

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## Contact us

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