

May 4, 2021

Planning & Development Committee
City of Brampton

Dear Members of the Planning & Development Committee,

I am representing the Peel Developmental Services Planning Committee (PDSPG) and wish to express our hopes for your consideration as you move through the very important topic of Housing in the City of Brampton.

Our Planning Committee represents a number of non-profit agencies that have been serving people with Developmental Disabilities in Peel Region for a great number of years. Our membership consists of agencies such as; Christian Horizons, Kerry's Place, Brampton Caledon Community Living, Community Living Mississauga and Mary Centre. Each agency listed and a number of our other members have a strong knowledge of how important affordable housing is to the people we have the privilege to support.

In 2017 we, as collaboration, submitted a proposal under the Homes for Good initiative and although we were not selected our interest in this area has continued.

In reviewing the presentations, your committee will be discussing on May 10th, 2021 we applaud the focus on affordability and accessibility. We also support the Principle of "Collaboration with the Non-Profit Sector" mentioned on page twelve (12) of the Housing Brampton Executive Summary April 2021. **However, we do not see two (2) critical commitments. The first is a focus and commit to people with a Developmental Disability as a "target" population to support in the projects and lastly the Federal Government has been in discussion with our Developmental Services Sector with a target request of five (5) percent of all "new builds" be available for people with a Developmental Disability.**

We would request that the above noted commitments be a significant expectation of all future housing projects in the City of Brampton.

It is recognized that not all developers and/or property management companies are experienced in supporting people with Developmental Disabilities and our PDSPG committee would certainly offer our assistance to ensure there is success for everyone in the developing stage and then in supporting each person in their new houses and communities.

We wish your Planning & Development Committee success and look forward to your support for people with Developmental Disabilities.

We do approve that this memo can be included with the public meeting record.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Jacquie.ferguson@kerrysplace.org or (905) 767-6591.