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The Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Toronto would like to thank the City of Brampton for the opportunity to offer some remarks in the context of the City's efforts, spearheaded by the Centre for Community Energy Transformation (CCET), that lead to the transition to a more efficient as well as sustainable energy system.

The Consulate recognizes that the CCET initiative is an important path to take in addressing the climate emergency and that in doing so, developing productive collaborations and partnerships to deliver priority energy projects is key.

That is why in 2018 we joined the City's Riverwalk project discussions and have been recently involved in meetings with Councillor Whillans and the working group to discuss practical aspects of the Energy Retrofit Program.

The Netherlands, as one of the world's leaders in circular economy initiatives, including renewable energy, has developed a range of similar initiatives and gathered some important data as well as lessons learned.

Taking these experiences into account, we can contribute to the CCET by focusing on the synergies between energy efficiency/reduction, the Housing Strategy and other sustainable and social initiatives by the City of Brampton, and circularity as practiced in the Netherlands.

During the Council meeting on May 10, 2021, the Consulate supported the City of Brampton Housing Strategy and presented a vision on how a Circular Pilot Project could contribute to the need for sustainable and affordable housing.

As a result of that meeting and presentation, the City of Brampton is participating in the Dutch Canadian Circular Alliance (DCCA) initiative with partners both in Canada and the Netherlands. This initiative aims to accelerate practical implementations of sustainable and circular principles in the built environment through knowledge and information sharing and concrete pilot and demonstration projects.

In support of the CCET's efforts, we look forward to continue being involved by providing insights and wish the City of Brampton success in moving forward with this initiative.

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