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RE: DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW LONG-TERM FEDERAL PLAN TO FIX
CANADA'S HOUSING CRUNCH

COUNCILLOR PINCOTT

WHEREAS, a stable and secure housing system that allows for a range of choice is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing;

AND WHEREAS housing costs and household debt are undermining Canadians' personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk;

AND WHEREAS the short supply of rental units is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity;

AND WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire;

AND WHEREAS coordinated action is required to align the steps local governments have already taken with regard to federal/provincial/territorial programs and policies;

AND WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the FCM housing campaign and urge the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the minister noted above, to Ken Hughes Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the AUMA.

Signature of Member(s) of Council