

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Capital Grants Program – Affordable Housing

THAT the Mayor send a letter on behalf of Council to the Hon. George Abbott, Provincial Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, with copies to our local MLAs encouraging them to support the Affordable Rental Program proposed by the Federal Housing Minister to devote significant new funds to the program, and to involve municipal governments in designing and implementing the program locally.

### BACKGROUND:

Federal Housing Minister Alfonso Gagliano is proposing a captail grants program for affordable housing. Unfortunately, the "Affordable Rental Program" which would devote \$680 million in federal funds over the next 4 years (to be matched by the provinces and territories) was designed with a set maximum on per unit contributions which would allow the program to fund units at the lower end of market rents but would not provide housing affordable to those households who cannot pay market rents.

Minister Gagliano has since agreed that the design of the program should be reconsidered and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is urging local governments to pass resolutions similar to the resolution stated above.

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