



December 11, 2020

Chris Raynor
Regional Clerk, York Region
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

RE: RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE (10.0)

Dear Mr. Raynor;

This will confirm that at a meeting held on December 9, 2020, the Markham City Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation announced the Rapid Housing Initiative, as part of the National Housing Strategy, in October, 2020 that commits \$1 billion to support the creation of up to 3,000 new affordable rental homes across Canada that are to be ready for occupancy by Spring 2022; and,

Whereas the Rapid Housing Initiative will deliver funding under two streams, each containing \$500 million; and,

Whereas the first stream provided funding to pre-identified municipalities and did not include York Region or the City of Markham; and,

Whereas the second stream is available to all provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, as well as non-profit organizations, and applications can be made for funding until December 31, 2020; and,

Whereas a report titled “Rapid Housing Initiative – Upcoming Funding Application” went to York Region Committee of the Whole on December 3, 2020 and outlined that regional staff are evaluating potential sites across the Region; and,

Whereas the City of Markham is taking proactive measures to address the housing crisis by developing an affordable and rental housing strategy, including an inclusionary zoning framework, and is actively working with housing providers to provide more affordable housing in the City; and,

Whereas Council acknowledges the need for partnerships to create additional affordable housing in the City of Markham.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Council supports York Region in making a Rapid Housing Initiative application that includes lands within the City of Markham and will work with the Region to meet program requirements, expedite planning approvals and facilitate a development concept that takes into account local context; and,
2. That Markham staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Darryl Lyons at DLyons@markham.ca or 905.477.7000 at extension 2459.

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Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk