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To Region Councilors and the Regional Clerk,

MICAHA would like to add our support to Reena's request for Rent Supplements for the Lou Fruitman Reena Residence and the development of a fair and equitable process to deliver rent supplements to individuals qualifying for healthcare supports in the years ahead. The Markham Inter-Church Committee For Affordable Housing, with your previous support, has built over 300 units of affordable housing and we also do rely on rent supplements to support the precariously housed.

MICAHA supports the concept of the Lou Fruitman Residence and the need for rent supplements to bridge the gap between \$497/month ODSP and the average market rent in York Region. These rent supplements ensure that those in need who qualify for healthcare supports, also have the ability to keep a roof over their head.

We hope this resolution will pass, and that the result will be a clear mandate to staff to execute, enabling York Region to join other Municipal and Regional jurisdictions in the Province who have already recognized the shared responsibility of providing "deeply affordable" housing to individuals who through no fault of their own are living on a monthly shelter allowance, and provided a clear mandate to staff to execute.

Thank you,

Yours truly,

Mike Clare
President

