

To Region Councillors and the Regional Clerk,

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Our organization 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.

March of Dimes Canada (MODC) is a not-for-profit national organization that has provided services to all people in Canada with disabilities and their families for more than 70 years. Nationally, we annually serve over 55,000 people with disabilities as well as their caregivers and families. Today, we are one of Canada's largest non-profits serving people with disabilities.

In York Region, MODC is funded by the Ministry of Health to provide personal care/health supports for persons with disabilities. These supports enable individuals to reside in their own home whether it be a private residence or a rental within one of our housing partners buildings. Our staff support these individuals with activities of daily living, rehab goals and community participation.

Although our organization does not currently build not-for-profit housing facilities, we do rely on for-profit rental property operators willing to have our clients rent from them.

The individuals we support require 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 look forward to the passage of this resolution and working with the York Region staff team that will be charged to set up a fair and equitable process to deliver rent supplements to individuals qualifying for healthcare and or social supports in the years ahead.

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,

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