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SUBJECT: Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review

BACKGROUND

The Government of Ontario and its municipal partners, as represented by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Toronto have embarked on a joint review of the provincial-municipal fiscal and service delivery relationship.

The review focuses on identifying a new fiscal and service delivery partnership for the 21st century. The review is broad in scope and includes the financing and funding relationship as well as service delivery and service governance.

While specific details of the review contents were determined by the Province in partnership with the municipal sector, issues under review are:

- delivery and funding of health, social services and housing
- municipal financing tools such as user fees and the use of municipal debt
- infrastructure funding
- The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

The review began in fall 2006 and will be completed by spring 2008, with recommendations for next steps and implementation thereafter.

Housing issue: Co-operative Housing in Ontario

In December 2006, the Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada (CHFC) submitted a proposal to the Province. The proposal involves the return of the cost and control of cooperative housing to the provincial level, amend the Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA), and enter into an agreement with the Agency for Cooperative Housing to administer a reformed program. The Agency for Cooperative Housing was established in 2004 to administer the federal cooperative housing programs under contract with Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC). CHFC has requested cooperatives in Ontario to send a message to the Government of Ontario in support of their proposal.

Service Manager's Role

Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) does not have a direct role in this review. During the review phase, NRH will continue to administer the social housing program in Niagara as legislated in the *Social Housing Reform Act, SHRA 2000* until such time as next steps have been determined.

Housing Provider's Role

Housing providers are to continue to conduct business in accordance with *the Social Housing Reform Act, SHRA 2000* and local policies issued by NRH.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact your Housing Administrator at (905) 682-9201.

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