



Community and Health Services
Housing and Long Term Care

MEMORANDUM

TO: Housing York Inc. Board of Directors

FROM: Adelina Urbanski, General Manager, Housing York Inc.

DATE: January 19, 2011

RE: **Sustainability Awards**

I am very pleased to advise the Board of three recent awards granted to Housing York Inc. in recognition of outstanding achievement in developing, retrofitting and maintaining sustainable housing communities in York Region.

1. LEED ® Gold Certification – Tom Taylor Place

This 50 unit apartment building in Newmarket, initially targeted to be LEED ® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified, has achieved sufficient sustainability points to earn certification at the Gold level. Some of the features incorporated into the building include:

- Low flow plumbing fixtures, including dual flush toilets
- Energy efficient lighting throughout with occupancy sensors in all public areas
- Energy Star appliances
- High efficiency heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems

2. LEED ® Silver Certification – Leeder Place

The new 60 bed emergency shelter for families in East Gwillimbury has been awarded certification at the Silver level by the Canada Green Build Council. The sustainability features in this building include:

- Energy efficient lighting and low flow plumbing fixtures throughout
- Building Automation System that monitors building performance and ensures maximum efficiency
- High level of waste materials recycled and diverted from landfill during construction

3. ONPHA Going Green Award

The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association *Going Green Award* honours a non-profit housing provider from across the Province who has taken innovative steps to reduce their impact on the environment. It was announced at the annual Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) conference in November that Housing York Inc. was chosen as the 2010 recipient of this award. The award recognizes our multi-year strategic Energy and Environment Management Program that focused on the use of new technologies, improved consumption management, building retrofits and tenant engagement, as well as the achievement in LEED ® certification in the construction of Tom Taylor Place and the new Leeder Place.

These accomplishments demonstrate the contribution Housing York Inc. is making to the Region's sustainability goals while benefitting residents in our community.


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