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CityHousing Hamilton Corporation

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Subject: **CEO Information Written Update**

1.0 Integrated Pest Management – City Wide Bed Bug Strategy

As a part of the City Council approved Bed Bug Strategy the City of Hamilton has contracted and collaborated with the Housing Help Centre (HHC) to administer the intake, service delivery and case management of the Bed Bug Assistance Program. HHC will hire and utilize CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) for their expertise in service delivery, including a comprehensive inspection and identification, unit preparation and treatment of unit contents for bed bugs. This program and service is for qualifying low income, vulnerable residents who are unable to complete tasks required as part of unit preparation for pest control treatment by their landlords.

This partnership will serve to support vulnerable, low income residents while transferring best practice application and education outcomes to residents, private market landlords and key stakeholders in order to move ahead and deal with pest issues proactively in the City of Hamilton. This work will be incorporated within the current operations of the Integrated Pest Management Team.

1.1 Mohawk College and CHH Unit Retrofit Partnership

CHH and Mohawk College are collaborating to renovate CHH properties. This will provide students with hands on experience that compliments the academic curriculum of students studying in the construction program of applied technologies. This collaboration provides a home renovation program to prepare vacant CHH units for rental. The purpose of the program is to reach the following goals:

- Decrease the current housing waitlist by renovating units into a habitable state;
- Provide practical experience to Mohawk's Building Renovation Students as part of a work experience program;
- Develop an experienced workforce to support Hamilton's ongoing residential construction growth.

1.2 Ontario 150 Grant Program

In partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton, CHH will be applying to the Ontario150 Partnership Program for a grant to run an After School Program at the community house at 245 Kenora Ave. CHH has successfully partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton for several years to offer quality children and youth recreational programming at several of our sites. 245 Kenora Ave. shows a great deal of promise for a successful program given that there is an active resident group that is keen to support programming situated at their site and youth that are excited to get involved in leadership-in-training opportunities through the program. Additionally, 245 Kenora Ave is a somewhat isolated site with limited access to local community centres and other facilities. An onsite program would offer great opportunity and increased access to quality recreational programming for the children of the 168 families that reside there.

1.3 Social Housing Improvement Program (SHIP)

The province and federal government approved the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund for affordable and social housing. The renovation and retrofit of social housing fund is being allocated to Service Managers and is known as the Social Housing Improvement Fund (SHIP).

The City of Hamilton received an allocation of \$11,597,400 in SHIP funding. It is anticipated that half of these funds will be for CHH. The SHIP funding is intended for renovation/retrofit activities including replacing aging systems, safety features, accessibility improvements, renewal of housing stock, regeneration, and energy conservation.

CHH submitted its application as of August 25, 2016. The number one priority item for CHH was a request for \$1.5M for the renovation of units on long-term hold.

1.4 City Loan 2016 – Water Conservation

As per Board Report #16018, City Loan 2016 – Water Conservation, CHH and the City of Hamilton have entered into an agreement in which the City of Hamilton has loaned CHH \$1,000,000 for a water conservation project. This will involve the purchase and installation of over 3,000 toilets in 15 apartment buildings. It is expected that the annual overall water consumption will decrease by 20% with a cost savings of \$200,000. The annual repayment including principal and interest is \$115,000.



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