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March 19, 2021

Regina City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City of Regina,  
Queen Elizabeth II Court  
2476 Victoria Avenue  
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(delivered via email)

**RE: Plan to End Homelessness – Permanent Supportive Housing – Operating Grant**

We wish to provide a letter of support to City Council in response to the Report to the Community Wellness Committee from City Planning and Community Development. It is our desire that this letter be provided to Council for their meeting on March 31, 2021 at the time they consider the above report.

The National Affordable Housing Corporation (NAHC) is a non-profit supportive and mixed-market affordable housing provider with new rentals in both Saskatoon and Regina. Our organization provides good quality, new affordable and supportive housing units. We have provided new affordable supportive housing units integrated within market housing developments and can attest that there is high demand for this type of housing in Regina and Saskatoon.

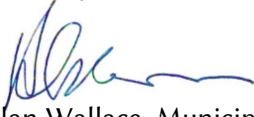
The proposed amendment to the Housing Incentive Policy to dedicate \$700,000 to support the Plan to End Homelessness by providing operating funding is an appropriate response to address growing at-risk and homelessness needs. It is recognized by NAHC that Regina will be the first municipality in Saskatchewan to offer funding for operating costs to address homelessness. It is further recognized that after considering this allocation to homelessness funding, the City will continue to offer \$1.8M in capital funding for the construction of affordable housing units. This level of municipal funding for capital construction of affordable housing is commendable and currently the largest allocation by any municipality in Saskatchewan.

NAHC has also noted in the report that the Social Development Reserve, which funds the Housing Incentive Policy, currently does not have a sustainable funding source. It is hoped that Regina City Council will see the importance of maintaining funding for affordable housing and homelessness issues and find a sustainable funding source for the SDR. Stable long-term funding is crucial to planning and executing future affordable and supportive housing developments which can take several years between inception to completion of dwellings.



To sum up, we support the changes to the Housing Incentive Policy proposed by Administration and encourage City Council to find ways to maintain funding for the Social Development Reserve on a long-term basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Wallace', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Wallace, Municipal Housing Specialist  
National Affordable Housing Corporation

CC: Mr. Charlie Toman, Senior City Planner