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Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Advancing Indigenous Affordable Housing and Reconciliation in Scarborough-Guildwood

Toronto, ON – Today, City Council adopted two important housing projects in Scarborough-Guildwood, led by Indigenous housing providers. The projects will increase the supply of Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) homes for Indigenous tenants. These two projects increase the housing supply with 62 new homes at 525 Markham Road, and 68 RGI homes at 4201-4203 Kingston Road.

The two Scarborough-Guildwood projects are critical to improving Indigenous affordable housing and advancing Indigenous Reconciliation. Councillor Paul Ainslie in Scarborough-Guildwood highlighted the benefits of the two projects, “This new Rapid Housing Initiative funding for Indigenous-led housing will make a significant impact on the lives of many Scarborough residents, and ensure that we remain a diverse, welcoming community. I am grateful to the Government of Canada for this investment which will quickly strengthen the supply of affordable housing in Toronto.” The two adopted projects also demonstrate the pivotal federal funding role in addressing the City’s housing challenge through the federal Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI), in addition to the City’s Open Door Program.

The RHI and Open Door Programs identify unstable housing security confronting Torontonians and within the guidelines see Indigenous peoples as a priority group. RGI tenants pay no more than 30% of their income or the shelter allowance of their income support benefit on rent.

Wigwamen Inc. Located at 525 Markham Road, will complete 62 new RGI homes for Indigenous residents in 2025. The Gabriel Dumont Non-Profit Homes, at 4201-4203 Kingston Road will build and operate 68 new homes.

Scarborough-Guildwood will continue monitoring the progress of the two projects, the RHI program and the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan.

City Council considered the two projects in the Item [2023.PH8.10](#), designating 130 RGI homes across two projects to Scarborough-Guildwood among the overall 856 new RGI homes across 19 projects citywide.

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