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Letter of Support for The Regional Municipality of Durham

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (DRNPHC), I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Regional Municipality of Durham's proposed extension and enhancement of the Durham Greener Buildings (DGB) Program for the 2026 – 2029 period, subject to Regional Council approval.

As a provider of affordable housing across Durham Region, DRNPHC recognizes the critical importance of advancing energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving building performance across the housing sector. Since its launch in 2024, the DGB Program has played an important role in supporting energy and water benchmarking, strengthening data quality, and building sector capacity. These efforts have established a strong foundation for performance tracking, informed retrofit planning and alignment with provincial benchmarking requirements.

DRNPHC supports the proposed Phase 2 extension, which builds on this success by maintaining core benchmarking supports while expanding technical assistance, utility engagement, and access to incentive and financial programs. The program's continued focus on community housing and broader public sector portfolios is particularly important, as these sectors face unique financial and operational challenges but also present significant opportunities for energy savings and emissions reductions.

Through the next phase of the DGB Program, DRNPHC is supportive of initiatives that will:

- Strengthen energy and water benchmarking practices to support data-driven decision making and long-term capital planning
- Enhance data quality and reporting consistency through ongoing technical support and follow-up
- Increase participation within the community housing sector, where the need and impact are greatest
- Expand collaboration with utilities and partner organizations to improve access to incentives, funding, and technical expertise
- Advance coordinated outreach efforts that align with shared regional objectives related to energy efficiency, emissions reduction, and tenant well-being

As a key partner in the region's housing system, DRNPHC values the opportunity to

collaborate with the Region and other stakeholders to advance building performance and support the transition to a low-carbon future. Programs such as DGB are instrumental in reducing barriers to participation, enabling more effective capital investment decisions, and supporting the long-term sustainability of affordable housing assets.

DRNPHC confirms its support for the continued implementation of the Durham Greener Buildings Program and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with the Regional Municipality of Durham and sector partners and encourage Regional Council to approve the extension and enhancement of the Durham Greener Buildings (DGB) Program for the 2026 – 2029 period.

Sincerely,

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