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Attn: EORN and 2B Developments, Localizing Communal Servicing Project
CMHC Housing Supply Challenge

Re: Support for Communal Decentralized Water and Wastewater Solutions

Dear Jason St.Pierre,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) to express our support for the utilization of communal decentralized water and wastewater solutions. As a municipal non-profit organization committed to sustainable development and well-being of our communities, we recognize the critical importance of adopting innovative approaches to address infrastructure which includes water and wastewater management challenges.

Under the [2024-2027 Strategic Plan](#), the EOWC has set infrastructure as our top priority, followed closely by housing. The EOWC recognizes communal services are an economical and effective decentralized solution that is environmentally sustainable and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions when compared to full-service water and wastewater options. The EOWC sees the significant benefits that communal services may offer our 103 rural and small urban municipalities.

To support the Federal Government and Ontario Government's housing strategies, we believe that by leveraging communal decentralized water and wastewater solutions could facilitate densification and development in both our rural and more urban areas. Communal services may directly support building housing faster, more sustainably, and at a lower cost to smaller-urban and rural communities. Communal services can unlock the potential and ability for communities like ours to build housing, attract residents and create jobs.

In addition to promoting environmental sustainability, communal decentralized water and wastewater solutions also can offer economic advantages. By minimizing the need for extensive infrastructure investments and long-distance transportation of water and wastewater, these systems can result in cost savings for both the municipality and our residents, assisting in unlocking plots of land too expensive to currently service.

We are committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders to promote the adoption of these innovative communal services solutions and their successful implementation and future maintenance.

Thank you for considering this important matter. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to advance sustainable water management practices in communities across our region.

Sincerely,



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