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The Honourable Minister Brenda Bailey
Minister of Finance

Via email: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Minister Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Via email: HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Bailey and Minister Boyle:

RE: PROVINCIAL RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAMS

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I am writing to respectfully request the Province's continued financial support for rent supplement programs across British Columbia.

At the June 10, 2026, CRD Board meeting a Resolution was passed to advocate regarding the importance of maintaining and strengthening these programs. The CRD Board supports this recommendation and recognizes rent supplements as a critical tool in addressing housing affordability challenges in the capital region.

Rent supplements provide assistance to individuals and families who are struggling to secure or maintain stable housing. These programs are instrumental in preventing homelessness, supporting low to moderate income households, and enabling residents to remain connected to their communities.

Despite ongoing efforts to increase housing supply, affordability pressures remain acute. Rent supplement programs are an essential complement to long-term housing development strategies, offering timely relief while new housing is being built. Continued provincial investment will ensure that vulnerable residents are not left behind during this period of transition.

The CRD Board urges the Province to maintain funding for rent supplement initiatives to meet growing demand and ensure stable housing outcomes for British Columbians.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cliff McNeil-Smith'.

Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD