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MEMORANDUM

TO: Service Managers

FROM: Peter Kiatipis, Director, Community Housing Policy Branch

RE: Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020

On July 22, 2020, the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* received Royal Assent in the Ontario Legislature.

The Act contains amendments to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* and *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* to deliver on commitments under the government's Community Housing Renewal Strategy and Housing Supply Action Plan. It also contains amendments to the *Building Code Act, 1992* to improve building code services to the public and building sector, and includes the *Ontario Mortgage and Housing Corporation Repeal Act, 2020*.

The included amendments to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* are part of the second stage of the government's Community Housing Renewal Strategy – a multi-year strategy to stabilize and grow Ontario's community housing sector.

Amendments to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* are broad and enabling, intended to provide a streamlined legislative framework for community housing that will incent non-profit and co-operative housing providers to stay in the housing system once their original agreements and mortgages end and make it easier for Service Managers and housing providers to meet the housing needs of their communities.

Now that the Act has been passed by the Legislature, specific details need to be developed in regulation. The government is committed to working with sector partners to develop the details in regulation on how the new legislative provisions will work on the ground in communities.

A copy of the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* will be available on the Ontario eLaws website shortly (www.ontario.ca/laws).

Attached to this memo is a plain language Info Sheet that summarizes amendments that have been made to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* through the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020*.

We ask that you please distribute this Info Sheet to housing providers in your service area and that you confirm with your regional Municipal Services Office after it has been distributed.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support as we work to achieve key commitments under the Community Housing Renewal Strategy to sustain, repair, and grow the community housing sector.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Peter Kiatipis
Director, Community Housing Policy Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing