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Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Sq
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Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter regarding the City of Victoria's support for renewing the Regional Housing First Program. I commend you for your commitment to addressing housing issues in your community, and I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Regional Housing First Program is a \$90 million partnership between the Capital Regional District, the Province of British Columbia through BC Housing, and the Government of Canada through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The program was initiated to create more affordable rental housing and address the needs of people experiencing homelessness in the capital region. Everyone deserves a secure place to call home, and this partnership is making a difference in peoples' lives by providing safe, affordable housing.

BC Housing is continuing to work with the Capital Regional District and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to explore additional partnership opportunities through the Regional Housing First Program. The Province will continue to support these discussions with our partners with the goal of further increasing the supply of affordable rental housing within the capital region.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson
Minister

pc: The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Colin Plant, Chair, Capital Regional District