



June 24, 2020

Hon. Natalia Kusendova
Chair
Standing Committee on Social Policy
99 Wellesley Street West
Room 1405, Whitney Block
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

RE: Bill 184, *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act*

The Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON) is pleased to provide comments to the Committee regarding specific elements of Bill 184, *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act*.

RESCON represents more than 200 residential builders of high-rise, mid-rise and low-rise buildings in the province. The focus of RESCON's work is on technical standards; labour relations; industry research and innovation; health and safety; regulatory reform and streamlining; as well as training and apprenticeship.

We believe that there are elements of the legislation that would be essential in facilitating a more robust building approvals regime. Specifically, the enabling nature of this legislation, regarding the new administrative authority, has the potential to deliver faster and improved building code services. Schedule 1 of the *Building Code Act*, which provides amendments including mechanisms for government oversight such as requirements for an administrative agreement between the administrative authority and the Minister, will be important to ensure the continued transformation and modernization of the delivery of building code related services.

Components of Bill 184 can be instrumental in the further streamlining of the building approvals process, which is necessary to foster the continued robust housing supply in Ontario as well as the economic recovery of the province. The residential construction industry is a major economic driver for the region and having efficient and predictable regulatory policies is essential to ensuring an uninterrupted housing supply, which will get Ontario's economy firing on all cylinders once again and provide necessary housing for thousands of Ontarians.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to the Standing Committee and look forward to continuing our engagement with the Government of Ontario as it works to address the housing needs of the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Lyall", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Richard Lyall
President