

August 25, 2026

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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VIA EMAIL: resolutions@fcm.ca

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: From the Ground – Land for Non-Market Housing

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of August 24, 2026:

Whereas municipalities across Canada are facing an urgent housing affordability and homelessness crisis, with increasing demand for affordable and non-market housing;

And Whereas non-market housing (housing delivered through non-profit, public or co-operative organizations) is a recognized solution to housing affordability and homelessness, as it keeps housing costs low in the long term;

And Whereas publicly owned land represents a valuable community asset that can support the viability of the development of affordable, non-market housing where appropriate;

And Whereas municipalities own, control or influence land in every part of the country—some of which may be vacant, underused, surplus or suitable for redevelopment;

And Whereas municipalities across the country are demonstrating their leadership in addressing the housing and homelessness crisis by using their levers to reduce homelessness and improve housing outcomes;

And Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has recently launched From the Ground, a national, mayor-driven movement of municipalities identifying publicly owned or underused land for non-market housing;

And Whereas FCM will use municipal land commitments to help build a national picture of municipal land opportunities, demonstrate local leadership, and inform future partnerships, capacity supports and advocacy to help move suitable sites toward housing;

And Whereas FCM is inviting local leaders to participate in this municipality-led movement through the form of a Mayoral commitment, Council resolution or existing housing strategy or plan that commits at least one parcel of land for non-market housing;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of New Tecumseth:

- a) Endorse participation in the From the Ground initiative led by FCM.
- b) Request that Administration report back to Council, as appropriate, on participation in the initiative, potential opportunities identified, and any recommendations for future action.
- c) Direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the local Member of Parliament, the provincial municipal association, and neighbouring municipalities for information and consideration.

Yours truly,



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