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Community Services Committee
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HOUSING**

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Please find attached a copy of a letter from Mr. John Cook, General Manager, Ottawa-Carleton Housing, expressing appreciation to the Community Services Committee and Regional Council for funding the Community House Coordinator positions.

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Alex Munter, Chair
Community Services Committee
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Dear Councillor Munter,

Recently Community Services Committee and Regional Council approved \$120,000 to support Coordinators at \$15,000 each in eight of Ottawa-Carleton Housing's Community Houses. The Community Houses are converted row houses located in our largest and most densely populated family public housing communities. Our twelve Community Houses deliver over 130 different programs, employing 60 full and part-time workers, and using hundreds of tenant volunteers. These programs include English as a Second Language classes, homework clubs, food banks, adult and youth drop-ins, nutrition and cooking classes, moms and tots programs, well baby clinics, After Four programs, summer day camps, counseling and support groups, computer classes, and many social events that bring people together. They are essential to the quality of life in our communities and to the support and progress of many vulnerable individuals and families.

We want to express our great appreciation for the ongoing support of the Community Services Committee and Regional Council in funding the Community House Coordinator positions. Without these Coordinator positions most of the programs noted above could not be developed or delivered. Please be assured that your funding is reaching some of the Region's most disadvantaged and marginalized families who would otherwise not be able to access support to move ahead with their lives.

Sincerely,

John V. Cook,
General Manager

c.c. Dick Stewart, Social Services Commissioner