



November 11, 2024

Mayor Jan Liggett
City of Cambridge
c/o Cambridge City Hall
50 Dickson Street
Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1

RE: Planning - Statutory Public Meeting Committee, November 12, 2024

Dear Mayor Liggett,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region, I wish to express my strong support in favour of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments that would allow for much needed density and affordable housing at 0 (now 579) Grand Ridge Drive and 25 Chalmers Street South.

Housing continues to be one of the major issues facing our community. A key pillar in addressing this crisis is stock. We need more housing and we need that housing to be affordable to the people who call our community home. Across the entire spectrum of our community—from working families to seniors to young professionals—housing costs have reached a crisis point. Housing prices are negatively impacting staff recruitment and retention for local businesses. Every additional dollar spent on unaffordable housing is a dollar that could have supported local businesses, from our shops to our restaurants, strengthening the very fabric of our community.

Cambridge continues to face a critical shortage of housing, especially housing that is affordable. The proposed work is emblematic of the type of leadership and approach needed to not simply talk about the affordable housing crisis, but to act in addressing the issue head-on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Philip Mills
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region