Housing Division Notice

Date: October 24, 2002

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is **not checked**, this change is **not applicable** to your project.

- Federal Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program
- Co-operative Non-Profit Housing Program
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation

Subject: **LOCAL RULE FOR RENT-GEARED-TO-INCOME TO MARKET RENT TO RENT-GEARED-TO-INCOME**

If a rent-geared-to-income household begins to pay market rent because of an increase in income, after twelve (12) consecutive months of paying maximum (market) rent that household is no longer a rent-geared-to-income household and becomes a market rent household.

If the household requires a subsidy in the future, a new application for geared-to-income assistance must be submitted, and if eligible, the household will be placed on the centralized waiting list. The ranking date on the waiting list for this new application will be the **current** date of application for rent-geared-to-income assistance. The household may be given urgent status should it meet the criteria for urgent status.

However, if a household's preference is to remain in their current location, it should be handled according to O. Reg. 339/01, Section 12(2). The household will be placed on the centralized waiting list, and the ranking date for this application will be the **original** date the household applied for rent-geared-to-income assistance.

Exceptions due to low turnover are to be dealt with by the individual Housing Provider, through a board resolution.
Background: Further to an extensive consultation process, local eligibility rules for rent-geared-to-income assistance were approved by Municipal Council on October 7, 2002.

Action: That Housing Providers implement the local rule for RGI to Market Rent to RGI.

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