

Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

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Role of the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

- To resolve issues that are impeding the expeditious development and delivery of affordable housing projects under the Affordable Housing Program
- Provide one window access between the Ministry and the City of Toronto as it relates to social and affordable housing initiatives

Key Activities of the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

1. Project Facilitation

- Provide assistance in resolving issues and securing necessary approvals for project development, e.g. zoning, site plan, environmental assessment, site remediation
- Work with service managers, housing providers, Municipal Service Offices staff and Delivery Branch staff to identify projects in need of assistance
- Bring parties together to identify and resolve issues quickly

Key Activities of the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

2. Systemic affordable housing issues

- The Branch identifies and develops strategies for addressing broader or common affordable housing issues.
- Issues that the Branch is currently addressing include discriminatory NIMBY, redevelopment of brownfields and CMHC approvals.

Key Activities of the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

3. Government Lands for Affordable Housing

- Initiative led by the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch makes suitable surplus provincial sites available for affordable housing projects under the AHP
- Market value of transferred sites is part of the provincial AHP contribution towards a project
- Working with ORC to identify and assess potential sites and maintain an inventory
- Contact municipal service managers to determine their interest in using surplus sites for AHP projects

Key Activities of the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

4. Toronto Unit

- Provide one window access between the Ministry and the City of Toronto as it relates to social and affordable housing initiatives in Toronto
- Provide effective coordination of initiatives, supports and funding
- Develop approaches that will permit the efficient redevelopment of social housing
- Administration of existing social housing and delivery of AHP in the City

Key Activities of the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch

What should Service Managers do:

- Contact the Community Partnerships & Projects Branch if you encounter an issue with your affordable housing project, or anticipate encountering an issue.
- Contact us if you are interested in participating in the Government Lands for Affordable Housing Initiative.

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