



June 17, 2019

Mr. Shayne Ramsay
Chief Executive Officer
BC Housing
1701 – 4555 Kingsway
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Re: Flexibilities under the Social Housing Agreement (SHA) in respect of the National Housing Strategy (NHS): *Periodic Evaluation* and corresponding Schedule I: *Evaluation Framework and Standards*

Dear Mr. Ramsay:

In the release of the National Housing Strategy in November 2017, the federal government committed to taking steps to make Social Housing Agreements more flexible and ensure they are coordinated with the National Housing Strategy and its intended outcomes. To this end, CMHC is pleased to provide flexibility under the SHA in respect of clause 13 pertaining to Periodic Evaluations and its corresponding Schedule I: Evaluation Framework and Standards.

13. Periodic Evaluation

Provinces and Territories (PTs) agreed, under the SHA, to conduct and provide CMHC with evaluations of the programs in their portfolio every five years. The evaluations are to be conducted in accordance with the framework and standards detailed in Schedule I of the SHA.

CMHC agrees to waive the periodic evaluation requirement, and its corresponding framework and standards detailed in Schedule I of the SHA. The broader accountability framework of the 2017 National Housing Strategy (NHS) and the action plans required from the bilateral agreements will provide housing program information, which otherwise would have been obtained in the SHA Periodic Evaluations. Among other aspects of the accountability framework of the 2017 NHS bilateral agreement, note specifically narrative element 2 (c) within the action plan, whereby PTs will describe how they will preserve affordability of units for low-income households while promoting greater financial sustainability, asset management and social inclusion of the housing stock under their responsibility.

Except as amended by this letter, all other terms and conditions of the SHA continue to apply.

Sincerely,

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