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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

The CHMC, our affordable housing investment partner for this project, has been in touch regarding our progress at 137 George Street (DA-20-011).

We had received an extension to May 31, 2020, from the CMHC. They are expecting us to have our building permit and other approvals by this date.

We require some minor variances in order to move forward with the building permit process. We submitted our application to the Committee of Adjustment COA on April 24, 2020. We understand that the COA is not sitting right now due to the COVID 19 situation. We have reached out to the planning department and the Secretary/Treasurer of the COA to see where our application is in the queue. They explained that the processing for Committee of Adjustment files is suspended and that when they are able to hold meetings again, we will be notified. Is there a possibility that the City of Hamilton COA could be set up to meet virtually as they are doing in The City of St Catherines?

We are very concerned about the delay of this project. This development will provide new safe, affordable housing for fifteen marginalized individuals in our community. The goal is to have these vulnerable people housed before this winter. We can only meet this objective if we can proceed as soon as possible with the approvals.

We were also wondering: is there consideration for moving applications that address City priorities, such as affordable housing, forward in the queue, as compared to projects that involve non-priority issues.

Sincerely

Michael Power – President