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## Canada Can Show Leadership by Investing in Social Housing through Environmental Lens

*Federal Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna and Provincial Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi will be on hand to lend support on National Housing Day*

(November 18, 2015, Ottawa, ON) The Canadian social housing sector will come together to mark National Housing Day, highlighting the opportunity that Canada has to show global leadership next week in Paris at the United Nations Climate Change Conference by investing in much needed social housing infrastructure using an innovative and green approach.

**When** Friday, November 20, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### Where

- ✓ *Press conference:* First Floor Community Room, Beaver Barracks, 464 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa
- ✓ *Tour and media availability:* Rooftop of building, against the backdrop of solar panels, the Ottawa skyline, and other nearby social housing buildings.

### Who

#### *Elected officials:*

- ✓ The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, M.P. for Ottawa Centre
- ✓ The Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Government House Leader, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Service, M.P.P for Ottawa Centre

#### *Stakeholders:*

- ✓ Brigitte Witkowski, President of the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA)
- ✓ Meg McCallum, President of the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA)
- ✓ Stéphane Giguère, CEO of Ottawa Community Housing (OCH)
- ✓ Ray Sullivan, ED of Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC)

### Timeline

10:30-10:50 Speaking opportunity for elected officials and housing stakeholders; media availability

10:55-11:25 Minister McKenna to tour Beaver Barracks, award-winning housing community recognized for its sustainable and innovative practices and located in Ottawa Centre; photo-opportunities

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### Media availability

To arrange for interviews with local and national stakeholders, including on the ground CHRA members in cities across Canada, please contact:

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*The CHRA's members and stakeholders include housing providers, municipalities, businesses, all 13 provincial and territorial housing departments, service and support agencies, individuals, students and other housing-related associations and networks.*

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