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Intentional Community Consortium (ICC) Hosted a Press Conference on Parliament Hill

March 20th, 2024 - OTTAWA, ON - The Intentional Community Consortium, in collaboration with Reena, Community Living Toronto, OASIS, and Provincial Network on Developmental Services, announced its 'Day on the Hill' with an MP Reception on Tuesday, March 19th, and a press conference held on Parliament Hill on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET.

The Hon. Ya'ara Saks, MP for York Centre and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Associate Minister of Health, joined the MP Reception on Tuesday to deliver closing remarks. Minister Saks' presence underscores the government's commitment to addressing the challenges faced by individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly in accessing supportive housing.

Consortium leaders addressed the importance of the National Housing Strategy and reiterated the significance of plans to increase deeply affordable and supportive housing for those with Developmental Disabilities across Canada.

The press conference commenced with remarks from supported individuals and agency CEO's and were followed by a media questions and answer session.

The National Housing Strategy presents an opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. By increasing deeply affordable housing, the ICC seeks to provide solutions leading to better opportunities for this marginalized population.

"At Community Living Toronto, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities, said Brad Saunders, Community Living Toronto CEO.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to speak on the pressing issues faced by individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. We hope to create meaningful changes in policies and funding to make supportive housing accessible to those who need it the most," said Bryan Keshen, CEO of Reena and founder of the ICC

For more information about the ICC Day on The Hill and the work of the Intentional Community Consortium, please visit www.intentionalcommunities.ca

About ICC ([Intentional Community Consortium | ICC \(intentionalcommunities.ca\)](http://www.intentionalcommunities.ca))

Finding solutions to the deeply affordable housing crisis faced by individuals with diverse abilities, focusing on housing, support services and community engagement.

The Intentional Community Consortium (ICC), founded in 2017, is a registered not-for-profit, representing charities and not-for-profit organizations, working to solve the housing crisis for those with developmental disabilities across Canada by:

- Using scale and shared learning from our member organizations
- Expanding affordable housing projects for mixed use with a preference to build multi-units projects of 20-units or more
- Combining the strength of our member organizations resulting in creating hundreds of housing units throughout Canada
- Creating a consortium advocacy approach to all levels of Government

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