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March 7, 2022

Members of Planning Committee
City of Ottawa

Dear Councillors:

**Re. Report to March 10, 2022 Planning Committee
High Performance Development Standard**

Please find below a motion adopted by the FCA's (Federation of Citizens Associations) Planning & Zoning Committee, endorsed by the FCA Board of Directors, regarding the staff report *High Performance Development Standard* that Planning Committee will be considering at its March 10, 2022 meeting.

Whereas the City of Ottawa has declared a climate emergency and citizens need their governments to devise collective measures for reducing our carbon footprint,

Whereas buildings account for 46% of Ottawa's community emissions and Ottawa's climate plan has a target of all new building constructions being net zero by 2030,

Whereas Toronto began implementing the Toronto Green Standard in 2006, and Ottawa is only now proposing a High Performance Development Standard, which exists in draft form and is planned to go to Planning Committee on March 10, 2022, and then the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and Council in April 2022,

Whereas a review of the draft shows that its energy and carbon measures will only apply less than 50% of new builds in Ottawa and is therefore not a promising path to meeting Ottawa's climate target for new building emissions,

Whereas as drafted there is no provision for enforcement of the standard,

Be it resolved that the FCA write to all Councillors and urge Community Associations to communicate to their Councillors, asking that Council:

- Set the Tier 1 specifications and scope of the Ottawa standard to meet or exceed the Toronto standard as of May 2022 including provisions on embodied carbon and construction waste;

- Widen the application of the standard to apply to all new buildings and that the City present a credible path using a combination of instruments for all new builds achieving net zero by 2030;
- Set a date by which time the standard will be enforced;
- Implement the standard so that it results in meaningful and comparable energy and carbon efficiency information for building and home buyers and owners;
- Regarding developing incentives for Tier 2 of the standard, include for consideration not only incentives for builders and developers but include options for incentivizing home/building buyers and owners to purchase/own energy and carbon efficient buildings, with a view to market transformation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Cullen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alex" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Cullen".

Alex Cullen
President FCA

Cc Members of Ottawa City Council
Stephen Willis, GM Planning, Real Estate & Economic Development
City Clerk
FCA members