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## **Innovative Microhomes to Address the Housing Crisis**

Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (DRNPHC) is dedicated to playing a role in developing innovative and cost effective rental housing that provides urgent solutions to the affordable rental housing crisis.

One potentially effective solution is to provide highly affordable self-contained rental units built from shipping containers. DRNPHC is piloting a 40 ft. shipping container as a fully self-contained studio apartment to demonstrate viability and attract partnership and community support. This 320 sq. ft. container is low cost, can be quickly and easily installed on a site, moved if necessary, is accessible, is a smart home and is 33% powered by photovoltaics.

DRNPHC is piloting this microhome now and it is located at its head office at 28A Albert St. in Oshawa.

Executive Director, Patti Bell says "we are delighted to have this model available for viewing and we anticipate feedback that will help us establish a great first community for people to call home."

Currently, DRNPHC owns and operates 19 affordable housing projects throughout the Region, and is home to 1146 families and individuals.

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