

Community News

Summer 2020

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Message from the CEO & the President



We gratefully acknowledge the leadership and expertise provided by our former Executive Director, Patti Bell who announced her

retirement in late 2019. We will truly miss her but send along our Congratulations!

Tracy Greig has stepped in behind Patti as the new CEO for DRNPHC and is energized and excited to work with the team to engage all of our tenants and partners in building strong and supportive communities.



DRNPHC is much more than just bricks and mortar—we are home to almost 1,200 households across Durham Region. Health, food security, and tenant engage-

ment are a few key areas where people and resources are being mobilized to aid us in developing community and stability. If you need support, or would like to volunteer within your community, please connect with us. We need your help and we are here to support you too! drnphc@durham-housing.com

It has been quite a year so far in that we have been dealing with a pandemic. Who would believe social distancing, face masks, and hand sanitizer are part of our everyday lives now. You have done an amazing job staying home—THANK YOU! And for your patience during the pandemic.

On March 13th, 2020, we made the difficult decision to close our head office and all non-essential work was put on hold due to COVID-19. This was the first time in our history we experienced such drastic measures to ensure the safety of our tenants and staff. We learned how to communicate differently and work remotely. Please hang in there with us as July will start to see our activities returning to our "new" normal.







In spite of the pandemic, DRN-PHC completed construction on our newest addition in Cannington, Ontario, which is affectionately now called Allan's Place. We are proud to name our new-

est affordable housing rental apartment building in honor of Allan Gordon Mcphail. Allan's commitment to fairness and public service in Brock Township has had a deep impact on many and we hope this will continue to serve as an inspiration to all who call Allan's Place home. This 50 unit apartment building will be home to seniors and persons with disabilities. Tenants are currently moving in slowly but safely to ensure everyone stays healthy.

Please stay safe and well. Happy Summer!



Dan Carter President, Board Chair



Tracy Greig CEO

Standing Together Against Violence, Racism and Discrimination

While we watch these events unfold in the United States, we must acknowledge that racism is real – it exists around the world, across Canada and here in Durham Region – and we must all be part of the solution. DRNPHC stands together with our staff, families, tenants and community partners who are impacted by violence, racism and discrimination.

We have not done nearly enough.

16% of DRNPHC's 2019 tenant survey respondents noted that racism and discrimination is a problem at their housing site. **This is unacceptable.** We are working on ways address racism and discrimination. If you would like to share your experience with DRNPHC feel free to connect by phone or email with Paul Chisholm, 905-436-6610 x240, paul.chisholm@durham-housing.com.

What really matters in 2020?

https://blacklivesmatter.ca/



Sandy Hudson is a writer and organizer who started Black Lives Matter Toronto and the Black Lives Matter movement presence in Canada. She studies law at the University of California Los Angeles and she is the coeditor of — and contributor to — Until We Are Free: Reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada.

'I think that we deserve better in our society,' says Sandy Hudson

https://blacklivesmatter.com/



Opal Tometi with her Black Lives Matter co-founders Patrisse Cullors and Alicia Garza (pictured left to right) at an awards ceremony, in 2016.Source Photograph by Kevork Djansezian / Glamour / Getty

"In 2013, the community organizers Opal Tometi, Patrisse Cullors, and Alicia Garza started the Black Lives Matter movement. What began as a hashtag in response to Trayvon Martin's death became a U.S. nationwide phenomenon, with protests in response to the killings of African-Americans and chapters across the USA. Now, after the death of George Floyd, at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, and weeks of nationwide and global protests to an extent unseen in a half century, Black Lives Matter is once again the biggest story in the country...

...We need the harm to stop in our communities. We need the damage to be repaired. We need to be able to have the opportunity to have a life of dignity, and the possibility to thrive. We need all of those things. So from the divestment from policing, to the investment in our communities, these all feel like very core and baseline demands. So we are going to push those..." Opal Tometi The full Article is found here: https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/a-blacklives-matter-co-founder-explains-why-this-time-isdifferent

We could not say it any better! Onward!

June is Seniors' Month



This year's theme is **stay safe**, **stay in touch**.

The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility works with community organizations to offer supports and tools to help seniors stay safe and stay in touch to help prevent social isolation and elder abuse. We are pleased to share information about the programs and services available for Ontario's seniors.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health advises staying at home to reduce risk Along with staying home, you should take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth • avoid contact with people who are sick
- Use grocery delivery services, friends or family to drop off supplies.

Alternatively, seniors in need can visit www.ontariocommunitysupport.ca for the COVID-19 Support Finder to get help.

If you can't request service using the internet, or if you require service in a language other than English or French, call: Toll-free: 1-877-330-3213

Summer Office Hours By appointment only 8:30AM-4:30PM



Join us in an uplifting, virtual celebration of our amazing country and community by tuning into the celebration—**Canada Day The Durham Way** on July 1st.

From 2 to 5 p.m., this event—in co-operation with the Region of Durham and all eight local-area municipalities—will highlight unique attractions and talents that drive our vibrant arts and culture scene. This event celebrates our region and our one-of-akind mix of small-town hospitality and unique urban amenities.

Durham Region is a community more vibrant and diverse than just about any place in Ontario. This event will highlight why our quality of life is second to none—a celebration of our multicultural landscape and cultures; exciting performers; one-of-a-kind children's activities; and musical talent.

Come together as a community—while practising physical distancing—by tuning in to this first-of-its-kind, virtual Canada Day celebration, which will be available through Facebook Live.

Show your national pride by sharing photos using #DurhamStrong on social media. Post your photos and tag @RegionofDurham on Facebook or Twitter for a chance to have your photos featured during the live event.

Please visit your respective municipality's website or durham.ca/CanadaDay to learn more



"I've

decided to stick with love. Hate is

too great a burden to bear".—

Martin Luther King

Jr.

Happy Pride Month

June 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of annual LGBTQ+ Pride traditions.

It is a time when thousands of people from around the world paint the town in rainbow colours.

The month is meant to celebrate the LGBTQ2 community, which includes individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit as well as a range of other gender and sexual identities.

Pride month is held annually in honour of the Stonewall riots, which took place in New York City in June 1969.

In an effort to continue the fight for equal rights, LGBTQ2 communities in many parts of the world have held Pride parades every June since the 1969 Stonewall riots.

What's Good in Da'Hood

We want to give a HUGE shout-out to the volunteers over at Perry Terrace who have put in many hours of work and effort over the years into this beautiful community garden.

Take a look at the fruit of their labor that onlookers can enjoy.

Thank you team for your dedication to tending to this garden!



Pineapple Lemonade

Your family and friends will love this refreshing, sweet, and wonderfully tropical drink

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons lime juice



Directions:

- To make the syrup, combine sugar and 1 cup water in a medium saucepan over medium hear, stirring until the sugar has dissolved; let cool.
- In a large pitcher, whisk together syrup, lemon juice, pineapple juice, lime juice, and 5 cups of water. Place in refrigerator until chilled.
- Serve over ice and enjoy!



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Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation (DRNPHC) helps to meet the housing needs of the region's diverse population through the provision of practical, wellmaintained and affordable housing.

Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation was developed as a result of the growing awareness about the lack of affordable housing to meet the requirements of low and moderate income earners whose needs were not being met by the private sector. Given the need for affordable rental housing, which could be produced through capital grants and operating subsidies being made available by senior levels of government, a municipal non-profit housing corporation was created with a mandate to deliver rental accommodation to meet the diverse needs of residents in Durham Region. On January 24, 1985, the Province of Ontario issued Letters Patent creating the Durham Region Non -Profit Housing Corporation.



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Solve and send to our Head Office for a chance to win a \$25 gift card!

CONGRATULATIONS to Chelsea who solved our Fall Word Search

