

# Intentional Community Consortium

Finding solutions to the affordable housing crisis faced by individuals with developmental disabilities, focusing on housing, support services and community engagement



March 18, 2025

# Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction of New National Sponsor – Property Law Firm CB LLP	Gary Gladstone and Joseph Berljawsky
10:30 a.m.	CMHC – Nadia Venafro, Specialist, Client Relations – Multi Unit Housing	Nadia Venafro
11:00 a.m.	GR 101 – Securing Government Support for Affordable Housing	Patricia Franks and Gary Gladstone
Noon	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	OASIS Update on Housing – Joel McCartney, Chair OASIS Housing Committee and David Petkau, Member OASIS Housing Committee	Joel McCartney and David Petkau
1:15 p.m.	Rental Rescue – Justin Rain, Director of Policy and Research	Justin Rain
1:25 p.m.	Open Discussion – Barrier Busters – What is holding you up from moving ahead	Lino Fera and Ann Bilodeau
2:25 p.m.	National Roll Out and Topics for Next Meetings	Gary Gladstone
2:45 p.m.	Wrap Up	Gary Gladstone
3:00 p.m.	Tours of Lou Fruitman Reena Residence (Optional)	



# Intentional Community Consortium

## Mission

Affect change by applying shared learning and networking from our member organizations to:

- Expand affordable housing projects for mixed use.
- Combine the strength of our member organizations to create hundreds of housing units throughout Canada with a preference for multi-unit projects of 20-units or more.
- Advocate as a consortium to all levels of government.
- Share tools and information through partnerships and member engagement.

# Our Member Organizations

Anand Vihar - The Centre for Dignified Living	Autism Ontario	Beth Tikvah - Hamilton
CAFFI (Caledon Area Families for Inclusion) and CAFFI Housing	Camphill Communities Ontario	Central West Specialized Developmental Services
Cherish Integrated Services	CLH Developmental Support Services	Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre
Community Living – Central York	Community Living - Toronto	Community Living - Elmira
Community Living - Haldimand Community Living - Hamilton	Community Living - South Muskoka	Community Living Association for South Simcoe
Community Living - Oshawa Clarington	Cribwolf Foundation	DANI
DeafBlind Ontario Services	Durham Region non-Profit Housing Corporation	Empower Simcoe
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Kerry's Place	KW Habilitation	L'Arche Daybreak
Luso Canadian Charitable Society	Mary Centre	Miriam Centre
New Leaf	Ongwanada	Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association
Operation Springboard	Parents for Community Living KW Inc	Participation House Project (Durham Region)
Reena	Safehaven	St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church
Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services	Tamir Foundation	Toronto Community Housing Corporation
Willowbridge Community Services		

# Officers

Name	Title	Organization
Gary Gladstone	Chair	Reena
David Petkau	Vice-Chair	Christian Horizons
Patricia Franks	Secretary / Treasurer	CAFFI
Ann Bilodeau	Director at Large	KW Habilitation
Lino A. Fera	Director at Large	Cribwolf Foundation



**National Sponsor**

**Property Law Firm CB LLP**

Joseph  
Berljawsky

Managing  
Partner

**Property** / **Law** FIRM  
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# Nadia Venafro

Specialist, Client Relations – Multi Unit Housing







# GR 101

## Securing Government Support for Affordable Housing

Gary Gladstone  
Chair, Intentional Community Consortium  
Lead, Stakeholder Relations, Reena

Patricia Franks  
Secretary/Treasurer, Intentional Community Consortium  
CAFFI (Caledon Area Families for Inclusion) and CAFFI Housing

# OASIS Update on Housing



Joel McCartney  
Chair, OASIS Housing Committee  
Executive Director, Cochrane Temiskaming  
Resource Centre

David Petkau  
Member, OASIS Housing Committee  
Vice-Chair, ICC  
Executive Director, South District, Ontario karis Disability Services

# Rental Rescue



Justin Rain, Director of Policy and Research



# Barrier Busters

## What is holding you up from moving ahead

Ann Bilodeau  
Director, ICC  
CEO, KW Habilitation

Lino Fera  
Director, ICC  
Co-founder/Director, Cribwolf-foundation.org  
Host of Cribwolf Talks



# National Roll Out Topics for Next Meetings

- Property Law Handout
- Dedicated Legal Real Estate Support
- Volunteer Engagement
- Donations
- National Connections

Gary Gladstone  
Chair, Intentional Community Consortium  
Lead, Stakeholder Relations, Reena