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Mr. Aaron Vidaver  
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Dear Mr. Vidaver:

On behalf of the Honourable Claudette Bradshaw, I wish to thank you for your Internet messages of December 10, 2002 and January 3, 2003, concerning the proposed conversion of the Woodward's building into social housing. Minister Bradshaw has asked me to reply on her behalf.

Through the National Homelessness Initiative (NHI), communities have come together to forge new partnerships with the Government of Canada, provinces, municipalities and local organizations.

Through the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), a component of the NHI, the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness has the responsibility for the development of a regional plan on homelessness, which was a year in the making and involved consultation with the wider community and homeless people. The Steering Committee, which also has Downtown Eastside representation, makes the investment decisions for SCPI funding through a call for proposals process.

I am glad that, under the SCPI, projects have already added to the supply of both temporary and permanent emergency shelter beds, and transitional and supportive housing in the Downtown Eastside, Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Regional District Area. The Portland Hotel Society's Pennsylvania Hotel and the Salvation Army Dunsmuir House projects are two examples of joint ventures involving federal investments at work to house homeless people.

Also, a partnership between the City of Vancouver, the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Canada is helping cover the cost of temporarily housing homeless protestors relocated from the squat outside Woodward's building.

I would like to mention however, that while the SCPI funding can be used to create and renovate transitional and supportive housing, it can not directly fund the creation of permanent affordable housing.  
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In closing, I wish to reiterate that the Government of Canada will continue to work in consultation with all its partners so that the response to homelessness is strong and effective and that the needs of homeless people are being met.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Sheilagh Malone  
Special Advisor (Homelessness)

Reply sent

24 Feb

ask for agreement  
copy of the partnership

Dear Mrs. Malone

Thank you for your reply of 21 Feb. on the role of ~~SCPI~~ in administering the SCPI

in Vancouver was helpful ~~and~~ ~~is it~~

We would very much appreciate obtaining a copy of the partnership agreement you mention in your letter. Please let us know if this is available through route

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