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Quarterly Report

July 1 – September 30th, 2018

General

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and a happy Thanksgiving. We took the opportunity to relax away from BYP responsibilities but managed a few accomplishments. These include:

- a potluck in early July to ensure that working volunteers across the various committees and working groups got a chance to meet each other;
- meeting with David Hulchanski, Professor of Housing and Community Development at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto and current holder of the Dr. Chow Yei Ching Chair in Housing. A widely-regarded housing expert and research consultant, Professor Hulchanski is enthusiastic about our concept and has agreed to be an advisor to BYP;
- a meeting scheduled for October with Adam Vaughan, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development (Housing and Urban Affairs). Before his election to the House of Commons in 2014, Mr. Vaughan was a Toronto City Councillor who worked tirelessly on housing issues. While this scheduled meeting provides a wonderful opportunity, our objectives are modest.

Request

As a Canadian resident, please consider signing this [petition](#) which asks the federal government to amend the National Building Code of Canada to ensure that buildings, using Universal Design, are accessible to all. This would lead to compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities on accessibility of housing.

Thanks.

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