AGREEMENT AMENDING THE CANADA-QUEBEC HOUSING AGREEMENT AND THE ADDENDUM TO THE CANADA-QUEBEC HOUSING AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THE CANADA HOUSING BENEFIT FOR SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

("**Amending Agreement 2**")

BETWEEN: **CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION (CMHC)**

AND: **SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC (SHQ)**

(each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties")

WHEREAS the Parties entered into the Canada-Quebec Housing Agreement on October 5, 2020 (the **"Agreement"**), the Addendum to the Canada-Quebec Housing Agreement regarding the use of the Canada Housing Benefit to enhance the Quebec Shelter Allowance Program on August 13, 2021 (the **"Addendum"**), which relates to Initiative 3 of the Agreement, and the Agreement Amending the Canada-Quebec Housing Agreement and the Addendum to the Canada-Quebec Housing Agreement regarding the use of the Canada Housing Benefit to enhance the Quebec Shelter Allowance Program on March 28, 2024 (**"Amending Agreement 1"**);

WHEREAS CMHC is making available to the SHQ an additional maximum amount of $49,929,211.33 in Canada Housing Benefit for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence (**"SGBV"**), as further defined below, as CMHC Funding for SGBV to be provided until the end of the 2027–2028 fiscal year, subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Amending Agreement 2;

WHEREAS for more than fifty years, Quebec has had its own housing system that it administers by supporting the initiatives of partners from the municipal, non-profit and private sectors through the programs and activities of the SHQ;

WHEREAS the Parties therefore wish to amend the Agreement and the Addendum;

WHEREAS Section 10 of the Agreement provides that it may be amended with the mutual consent of the Parties and that such amendments must be made in writing and take effect on a date agreed upon by the Parties;

WHEREAS the Parties agree that the CMHC Funding for SGBV will be used for the purposes of the Quebec Rent Supplement Program ("**QRSP**");

The Parties therefore agree to amend the Agreement and the Addendum as follows:

1. The table in Section 5 of the Agreement is replaced with the following:

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	Quebec's Priorities ($)	Canada Community Housing Initiative ($)	Canada Housing Benefit ($)	Canada Housing Benefit for SGBV ($)
2019–2020	60,747,700	9,960,000	0.00	0.00
2020–2021	38,949,000	28,269,000	0.00	0.00
2021–2022	32,947,400	46,717,100	9,194,644.00	0.00
2022–2023	32,778,900	77,057,200	42,786,088.00	0.00
2023–2024	32,774,500	104,968,400	75,306,700.30	0.00
2024–2025	30,303,900	153,265,500	62,554,394.00	0.00
2025–2026	27,918,100	186,800,600	82,296,494.00	0.00
2026–2027	15,829,700	236,446,700	93,908,592.00	24,836,862.34
2027–2028	0.00	272,470,100	109,131,994.00	25,092,348.99
Total	**272,249,200**	**1,115,954,600**	**475,178,906.30**	**49,929,211.33**

2. The following terms and conditions amend the Agreement and Addendum as follows:

a) All provisions of the Agreement and the Addendum apply to this Amending Agreement 2, except where specific provisions of this Amending Agreement relate to SGBV.

b) This Amending Agreement 2 is deemed to form part of the Agreement and the Addendum.

c) Unless otherwise provided in this Amending Agreement 2, all references in the Addendum to the CHB are deemed to include references to the CHB for SGBV.

d) The Parties will work together to ensure that the QRSP, the program through which the CMHC Funding for SGBV will flow, complies with the Agreement and all subsequent addenda and amendments, including the Addendum, Amending Agreement 1 and this Amending Agreement 2; CMHC Funding for SGBV will be disbursed only to Recipients who meet the definition of SGBV set out herein. For greater clarity, the Parties agree that, under the QRSP, the CHB for SGBV will be paid to landlords and organizations participating in the QRSP. Notwithstanding the Agreement and the Addendum, the CHB for SGBV may not be transferred from one Unit to another.

e) Commitments of CMHC Funding pursuant to this Amending Agreement 2 may be fulfilled beginning April 1, 2026, and no later than March 31, 2028.

f) The SHQ undertakes to provide a Matching Contribution to CMHC Funding for SGBV; The SHQ may provide this Matching Contribution through the Shelter Allowance Program (SAP) or through the QRSP, provided that any amount provided through the QRSP is intended for SGBV; For greater clarity, this Matching Contribution may not be funded from CMHC Funding, as CMHC Funding is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the amounts to be invested by the SHQ in the SAP or the QRSP; All other requirements relating to cost-matched funding set out in Section 9(iii) of the Addendum apply to this Amending Agreement 2.

g) CMHC Funding cannot be reassigned from one fiscal year to another without the prior approval of CMHC. In addition, CMHC Funding cannot be reassigned from one initiative to another.

h) In addition to the provisions set out in the Agreement and the Addendum, the SHQ must provide a separate report on the CHB for SGBV in accordance with Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2, of this Amending Agreement 2.

3. For the purposes of this Amending Agreement 2, SGBV means, in accordance with the applicable CMHC definition, any person who has experienced violence based on gender norms and an unequal power dynamic directed against them because of their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. Gender-based violence takes many forms, including physical, economic and sexual violence, as well as emotional or psychological abuse.

4. Notwithstanding the preceding provision, it is understood that the SHQ will use CMHC Funding in accordance with its own eligibility criteria under Stream 2, Exceptional Housing Needs, of the QRSP rules, specifically for victims of family violence, including domestic violence.

5. The preamble is an integral part of this Agreement.

6. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amending Agreement 2 have the meanings assigned to them under the Agreement and the Addendum.

7. This amendment to the Agreement and the Addendum comes into effect on the date of the last signature affixed hereto.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has duly signed this Amending Agreement 2.

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

By 

Coleen Volk
President and Chief Executive Officer
Date August 21, 2026

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SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

By _____
Jean Martel
President and Chief Executive Officer
Date August 21, 2026

INTERVENTION

In accordance with Section 3.6.2 and the first paragraph of Section 3.8 of the *Act respecting the Ministère du Conseil exécutif* (R.S.Q. c. M-30), this Amending Agreement 2 is a Canadian intergovernmental agreement which, in order to be valid, must be signed by the Minister responsible for Canadian Relations, represented by the Associate Secretary General for Canadian Relations, who reviews the commitments set out in this Amending Agreement 2 and declares himself satisfied therewith.

SECRÉTARIAT DU QUÉBEC AUX RELATIONS CANADIENNES

By _____
Julie Bissonnette
Associate Secretary General
Date August 26, 2026

Appendix A

Table 1 (SGBV)

		Number of distinct recipients	Average number of months of assistance	Number of recipients	Average number of months of assistance	Monthly amount of assistance	Average monthly amount of assistance ($)	Average monthly housing cost ($)	Average annual income ($)	Average reduction in housing needs ($)
Number of recipients	Tenants									
Number of households in severe housing need benefiting from the SAP	Tenants									
	Vulnerable homeowners									

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Table 2 (SGBV)

	Number of recipients
Recipients receiving financial assistance under the Program (()) for the first time	
Recipients who continue to receive financial assistance from the Program (received financial assistance from the Program (()) last year and this year)	
Recipients who received financial assistance from the Program (()) in a previous year (received financial assistance from the Program (()) in a year other than last year and are also receiving it this year)	
Total recipients this year	
Recipients who received financial assistance from the Program (()) last year but are not receiving it this year	