



October 7th, 2025

The Honourable Tim Hodgson, PC, MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Tim Hodgson,

On behalf of the National Council of Women of Canada, I wish to sincerely thank you for your detailed letter dated September 23rd, outlining the Government of Canada's initiatives and investments related to environmentally friendly buildings. We appreciate your thorough response and the commitment demonstrated through programs such as the Build Canada Homes initiative, the Codes Acceleration Fund, and the various retrofit accelerators coordinated by Natural Resources Canada.

Your emphasis on supporting energy-efficient construction methods, low-carbon materials, and affordable housing aligns with our vision for a sustainable and equitable future. We also commend the Canada Greener Homes Initiative for its focus on making energy-efficient upgrades accessible to homeowners, particularly low- and middle-income households.

However, we would like to offer a few comments for your consideration. Particularly, while the "Oil to Heat Pump Affordability Program" is a positive step forward, we urge the Government to expand its scope to include incentives for replacing gas heating with heat pumps. Furthermore, we recommend that installation of heat pumps be made a requirement for new homes instead of allowing natural gas systems. Heat pumps provide efficient heating and cooling while dramatically reducing carbon emissions—key to achieving Canada's net-zero targets.

We believe these enhancements will bolster the Government's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and advancing energy efficiency in the building sector. The National Council of Women of Canada looks forward to your reply as we seek to work towards a greener, healthier, and more sustainable Canada.

Sincerely,

Penny Rankin
President NCWC

CC: The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure.

Mission Statement:

To empower all women to work together towards improving the quality of life for women, families, and society through a forum of member organizations and individuals.