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Press Release: Appointment of Executive Director to Community Development Council Durham

The Board of Directors of Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Hermia Corbette as Executive Director of Community Development Council Durham effective January 1, 2020. The search process began in July of this year and was led by the CDCD Board of Directors.

As Executive Director, Ms. Corbette will be the chief administrator and management authority over the programs and services offered by CDCD and will work closely with the Board of Directors to achieve the mission of CDCD to identify regional community development needs and inform relevant policy and programming, while supporting and delivering effective services.

Ms. Corbette has been associated with CDCD for the past seven (7) years as the Manager, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services–Ajax and more recently, her portfolio was expanded to include management of Settlement Worker in Schools (SWIS) Durham, Settlement Services, Newcomer Settlement Program (NSP), Community Connections and a newly established Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP). In this capacity, she consistently demonstrated the qualities outlined in CDCD’s vision which is “an equitable, inclusive and socially just community that is committed to meaningful participation for all”.

Ms. Corbette brings deep knowledge and varied expertise to this role through her experience as a Project Management Consultant focused on Youth Employment Strategies, a Community Integration Leader with the City of Toronto Children’s Services, Youth and Newcomer Program Manager with Neighbourhood Link Support Services, as a Grant Panel Review Member of the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program with the City of Toronto and a Certified Mediator.

In addition, Ms. Corbette is a champion for the community which is demonstrated through her various associations within the Regional Municipality of Durham. She is associated with Durham’s Best Start Network, Financial Empowerment & Community of Practice for Tax filing, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Community of Practice, Founder and Co-Chair of Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW), Ajax-Pickering Early Childhood Development Coalition, OCASI’s Allies in Accessibility Initiative, Durham Pride Prom Committee, Local Diversity and Immigration Partnership (LDIPC) Community Partners in Diversity Working Group and the Durham Region Language Community Partners Committee.

“I believe in the work we are doing. I believe in the direction we are heading. I believe we are change-agents in Durham. I also believe that our legacy of 49 years has many more years ahead. We are just beginning. Opportunities abound!” said Ms. Corbette.

About Community Development Council Durham

Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) is an independent, not-for-profit social planning organization that has been working to enhance the quality of life for individuals, families and communities in Durham, and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020. It organizes and implements a variety of research, community development, and social planning initiatives and administers and delivers social service programs. Please visit www.cdcd.org for more information.