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The Hon. Justice Neilson rendered his decision dismissing the Plaintiffs' application for an injunction against Habitat Edmonton.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA – On June 1, the Hon. Justice Neilson rendered his decision dismissing the Plaintiffs' application for an injunction against Habitat Edmonton. In his decision, Justice Neilson recognized that Habitat Edmonton had taken steps to address a difficult financial position in a manner that would continue to benefit and protect its partner families. He noted the benefits the new mortgage model offers to families and agreed that there was no evidence which demonstrated Habitat had acted in bad faith towards the plaintiffs.

We are thankful that the court has affirmed our position, and we recognize this has been a very difficult and emotionally trying experience for all affected parties. Our continued focus is on the best interest of the families we serve as we move forward from this. Habitat Edmonton continues to invite families to speak with us and will do everything we can to work with them to find the best path forward for everyone involved.

We also want to reiterate that, given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta, we have already extended the tenancy agreements for all families involved in the litigation for three months starting on April 23 (the date of the injunction hearing). Families were notified of this extension in March to provide them with some additional certainty and peace of mind in this public health crisis. We will continue to monitor the announcements from the Government of Alberta and our public health authorities as the situation evolves and want to stress that we would not do anything to jeopardize the health and safety of those we serve during this pandemic.

Our goal has always been to work towards the best possible solution for the families and it is our sincere hope they will come back into the program of affordable home ownership as we are confident that the new model will offer many advantages that will benefit their families for years to come.

Additional background information on the new mortgage model Habitat for Humanity Edmonton has introduced can be found in our [Edmonton Mortgage Model Technical Backgrounder](#), and [the ruling by the Honourable Mr. Justice James T. Neilson's in regards to the plaintiffs' application for an injunction](#).

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About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton

Habitat Edmonton works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, and more financially stable life. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and their families. Habitat Edmonton has empowering low-income families across northern Alberta since 1991. For more information, please visit HFH.org.

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