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City Council  
City of Edmonton  
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Dear Members of City Council:

The GEF Board of Directors shares the City of Edmonton's aspirations to "work together to create liveability for all, where everyone has what they need to succeed." As the Chair of the GEF Seniors Housing (GEF) Board, I recognize and appreciate the privilege to be part of the City of Edmonton's annual recruitment process to fill vacant positions on the GEF Board. On reflection of our recent experiences and in discussion with the GEF Governance Committee, the GEF Board believes there is an opportunity to improve this process that will result in stronger governance for GEF Seniors Housing and the City of Edmonton Council, who is ultimately responsible for civic appointments.

Please accept this letter as a request that City Council extend to the GEF Governance Committee, which includes the GEF Board Chair, the confidential process of reviewing and ranking applications received from Edmontonians interested in serving on the GEF Board. This refinement will allow GEF to offer collectively a broader understanding of the skills and personal attributes of prospective Board Members that may be of assistance to the City of Edmonton in the identification, selection and appointment of citizens who share our passion for serving seniors and promoting the meaningful work of GEF Seniors Housing.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. I would be pleased to meet to discuss this request further, if required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacquie Eales'.

Jacquie Eales  
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