



Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Additional Information

Monday, July 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

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8.5 Automated Meter Reading Case Study

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Confidential Memorandum from Erin Anderson, Manager-  
Employee Relations, dated July 8, 2025 relative to Report  
234-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Environment.  
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Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations only)

12. Reports of Municipal Officers

12.1 Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations

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Memorandum from Director - Strategy & Engagement  
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Correspondence received from Thunder Bay Counselling  
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Correspondence received from Alpha Court dated July 6,  
2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative.  
(Distributed separately on Thursday, July 10, 2025)

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Correspondence received from The Salvation Army relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Thursday, July 10, 2025)**

Correspondence received from Thunder Bay District Health Unit dated July 10, 2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter

Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Friday, July 11, 2025)**

Correspondence received from Kinna-Aweya Legal Clinic dated July 10, 2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Friday, July 11, 2025)**

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Correspondence received from City of Thunder Bay Indigenous Advisory Committee dated July 11, 2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Friday, July 11, 2025)**

Correspondence received from Independent Living Thunder Bay dated July 11, 2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Monday, July 14 2025)**

Correspondence received from Elizabeth Fry Society dated July 14, 2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Monday, July 14 2025)**

Correspondence received from Nishnawbe Aski Nation dated July 14, 2025 relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Monday, July 14 2025)**

Correspondence received from Dr. David Kisselgoff dated July 9, 2025 requesting the opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Thursday, July 10, 2025)**

Correspondence received from Jason Veltri, City of Thunder

Bay Community Safety & Wellbeing Committee dated July 10, 2025 requesting the opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative.

**(Distributed separately on Friday, July 11, 2025)**

Correspondence received from Aldo Ruberto, Fort William Business District BIA dated July 11, 2025 requesting the opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative. **(Distributed separately on Friday, July 11, 2025)**

Correspondence received from Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum, Nishnawbe Aski Nation dated July 11, 2025 requesting the opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative.

**(Distributed separately on Monday, July 14, 2025)**

## **15. New Business**

### **\*15.1 Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - July 21, 2025**

The following resolution will be presented to establish Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Meeting on July 21, 2025:

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

(h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;

(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239.



**Growth Department**

**Memorandum**

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<b>TO:</b>	Krista Power, Director – Legislative Services & City Clerk	<b>FILE:</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	Cynthia Olsen, Director – Strategy & Engagment - Growth	
<b>DATE:</b>	07/09/2025 (mm/dd/yyyy)	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Request for Presentation – Report Back – Temporary Shelter Village Initiative – Alternate Locations	
<b>MEETING &amp; DATE:</b>	Committee of the Whole - 07/14/2025 (mm/dd/yyyy)	

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I respectfully request the opportunity to make a presentation at the July 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an overview of Report 239-2025-Growth – Strategy & Engagement - Report Back – Temporary Shelter Village Initiative – Alternate Locations.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Olsen  
Director – Strategy & Engagement  
Growth

June 27, 2025

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Thunder Bay Counselling, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization dedicated to supporting quality of life through accessible, community-based services that promote mental health and well-being, we recognize the urgent need for safe, supportive, and stable shelter options in the Thunder Bay area. We believe in this initiative and see it as a meaningful step forward in improving the outcomes for those living unsheltered and addressing the immediate crisis at hand.

The proposed location at 114 Miles Street East would offer significant advantages due to its inherent proximity to public services, including a transit hub, food banks, and clothing assistance. We as an organization are particularly supportive of this project, as this location would make it easier for outreach teams to locate and support residents consistently, fostering stronger connections to health and mental wellness services. We see this project as a meaningful first step in advancing harm reduction for vulnerable individuals. By offering stability, dignity, and a safer environment, it helps reduce exposure to violence, theft, and unsafe conditions. Initiatives like this can also serve as a vital bridge to permanent housing, ultimately improving health and well-being.

We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,



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Mayor and Members of City Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Alpha Court, I am writing to express our support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative, including the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East. Alpha Court provides individualized, recovery-oriented support and housing for people who experience mental health or addiction challenges in Thunder Bay. Our organization recognizes the urgent necessity of implementing human rights-based, low-barrier responses to unsheltered homelessness in our community.

We further note that in the future, Alpha Court will be operating a similar but different initiative in the nearby area. Given this proximity, we are particularly interested in working collaboratively with the City, service partners, and the Temporary Shelter Village operator to support residents and promote the safety, security, and well-being of the surrounding neighbourhood.

In particular, we support this initiative and location because:

- The site is located near many supportive services and a known area for individuals who are currently unsheltered which helps reduce barriers to service connection.
- It offers a timely, practical solution that allows the City to act on urgently needed shelter capacity while longer-term solutions are developed.
- The project includes a focus on wraparound supports, connection to housing pathways, and community safety.
- Locating the Village at Miles Street will support coordinated service delivery, particularly amongst service providers located in the area.

We urge you to approve 114 Miles St E as the Village's location, and look forward to collaborating with the City and community partners to help ensure the success of this initiative and the safety of the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

  
Nicole Latour RSW, MPH

*Executive Director*





# Thunder Bay Police Service

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July 8, 2025

Mayor K. Boshcoff and Members of City Council  
City of Thunder Bay

Subject: Letter of Support for Temporary Village Initiative

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Thunder Bay Police Service, I would like to express our support for the Temporary Village initiative as a temporary, transitional, and supportive approach to addressing the needs of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This initiative, coupled with the broader 10-Part Plan, represents a significant step forward in tackling the challenges of homelessness while balancing the needs of the community and addressing public safety concerns.

As a key partner, the Thunder Bay Police Service is committed to working collaboratively with the City and community stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of these initiatives. We recognize the importance of providing safe, dignified, and temporary accommodations to individuals in encampments as part of a pathway to permanent housing and stability.

The Thunder Bay Police Service is committed to continue working with the City to address public safety issues within the 10-Part Plan. Key considerations include the safety of those living within the Temporary Village, protection of vulnerable individuals from drug dealers and gang activity, availability of wrap-around supports, and enforced encampment compliance.

In addition, we suggest following our initial risk assessment of 114 Miles Street East, and that pending further review, that this location could be a viable site for the temporary village.

We believe that through continued partnership, open dialogue, and shared commitment, we can achieve meaningful progress that benefits the entire community.

Sincerely,



Darcy Fleury, M.O.M.  
Thunder Bay Police Service

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July 9th, 2025

Thunder Bay City Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village Initiative on Miles St**

As the Executive Director of Shelter House, I carry a deep belief: we must offer compassionate, dignified care to our most vulnerable — and we must also work toward a future where shelters like ours are no longer necessary. That may not happen in my lifetime, but I will never stop pushing for bold, humane, and immediate solutions that move us closer to that goal.

That's why I am proud to voice Shelter House's full support for the proposed temporary shelter village at Miles Street.

Every day, we walk alongside community members who are experiencing the raw, relentless realities of homelessness. We see the cold, the fear, the trauma. We also see the courage it takes just to survive another day. What they need is not more waiting — they need safety, stability, and support now. The temporary village model offers exactly that.

These villages are more than shelter — they are hope made tangible. They offer privacy, protection from the elements, and, most importantly, connection to the essential wraparound supports that help people reclaim their lives: housing workers, healthcare, mental health supports, and community. This kind of safe, low-barrier environment can be the first moment someone feels truly seen, respected, and able to imagine a different future.

We know from experience that reaching people while they are sleeping rough is incredibly difficult. When someone has no safe place to be, everything else — healing, treatment, employment, even trust — becomes almost impossible. A village on Miles Street gives people that place. It offers the chance to stabilize, rebuild, and move forward.


We also know this: doing nothing is not neutral. The status quo is not working. It leaves far too many people suffering in the shadows, and communities straining to respond without the tools they need. Change can be uncomfortable — but so is walking past another person sleeping in a doorway, knowing we could have done something.

This village is not a silver bullet. But it is a first step, and one we must take together — with proper supports in place to guide residents toward permanent housing, healthcare, and a path forward.

Shelter House is ready to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our partners, with the city, and with those who will call this village home. Together, we can create a future where no one is left behind and where every person has a place to belong.

We respectfully urge City Council to ratify Miles St. as the Temporary Shelter Village's location and to continue supporting solutions that reflect the values of dignity, inclusion, and care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Carlin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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July 9, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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brain injury, in attaining  
their maximum potential  
as they continue living,  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Brain Injury Services of Northern Ontario (BISNO), I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization BISNO is a non-profit, charitable organization, which provides rehabilitative and support services and Assisted Living Services within the community to individuals with a Brain Injury. BISNO also collaborates with other agencies and professionals in developing and providing a complete range of services in Northern Ontario. We recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because: it will be located near services and supports that people are familiar with; being near a transit hub; providing pathways for residents out of homelessness and into housing; supporting a vulnerable population and reducing unmanaged encampments; being the location that will best support residents in being successful in their transition to housing; providing stability and dignity to residents; leading to better health outcomes; etc.

Given our work a vulnerable population, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely yours

Alice M. Bellavance  
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July 10, 2025

Mayor and Council  
City of Thunder Bay**Subject:** Re-Affirming Our Support for the City's Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan to Address Encampments

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of United Way of Thunder Bay, I am writing to reaffirm our strong support for the City's Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan to address encampments and the associated development of a temporary shelter village.

This initiative remains a critical and compassionate step forward in addressing unsheltered homelessness in our city. The coordinated, human rights-based approach outlined in the plan aligns closely with our shared goal of promoting dignity, safety, and stability for all members of our community.

As stated in our earlier letter, United Way is committed to supporting bold, collaborative projects that reduce poverty and improve lives as part of our **BETTER is POSSIBLE** initiative.

United Way is committed to exploring opportunities to collaborate with the City and other partners to help raise funds toward one-time capital expenditures and/or ongoing operating costs for temporary shelter village and related wrap-around supports. We remain ready to work with City administration to develop a funding strategy once a site has been confirmed and the project is approved to move forward.

We believe this initiative represents a tangible opportunity to improve lives, reduce strain on emergency services, and demonstrate leadership in community-driven solutions. We look forward to continuing to support the City of Thunder Bay and our community partners as this important initiative progresses.

Sincerely,

**Albert Brulé**

Chief Executive Officer

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10 July 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3



**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the John Howard Society of Thunder Bay and District I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to supporting vulnerable and underhoused people in our community, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because a well-chosen location for supportive or transitional housing is essential to ensuring resident success and community impact. Ideal sites are close to essential services, public transit, and familiar community supports, making it easier for residents to access healthcare, employment, and social programs. These locations also provide pathways out of homelessness by connecting individuals to long-term housing solutions, while reducing the prevalence of unmanaged encampments. By supporting vulnerable populations in a stable, dignified environment, such housing leads to improved health outcomes, greater personal stability, and a stronger foundation for reintegration into the broader community.

Given our work in our Social Navigation program, in addition to our experience with transitional housing support, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the city, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Haynen".

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Dew Drop Inn Thunder Bay  
July 10<sup>th</sup>/2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Dew Drop Inn Thunder Bay, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to serving a good meal daily with no judgment or questions asked and treating everyone with respect and dignity, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because:

- being located near services and supports that people are comfortable with
- proximity to a transit hub
- providing opportunities for residents out of homelessness and into housing
- supporting a vulnerable population and reducing unmanaged encampments
- being the location that will best support residents in being successful in their transition to housing
- providing stability and dignity to residents; leading to better health outcomes; etc.].

Given our work in food insecurity, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the city, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,



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July 10, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of P.A.C.E. – People Advocating for Change through Empowerment, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to improving the quality of life for consumer survivors of mental health, addictions and homelessness by providing all of the resources, opportunities, rights and benefits of the community at large; and we believe in the equality of people, that all people are autonomous, intelligent, diverse individuals that should be treated with respect and dignity without discrimination and live in a barrier free community that allows equal opportunity for all, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because:

- It is located near services and supports that people are familiar with
- It will be very near P.A.C.E.'s Warming & Cooling Center with access to computers, telephones, showers and laundry facilities
- It will be located very near the HART Hub which will have a lot of the services they require
- It would be very near a transit hub
- It would help in providing pathways for residents out of homelessness and into housing
- It will be supporting a vulnerable population and reducing unmanaged encampments; being the location that will best support residents in being successful in their transition to housing
- It will provide stability and dignity to residents; leading to better health outcomes; etc.

Given our work in Mental Health and Addictions Peer Support, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the

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People Advocating for Change through Empowerment Inc.

future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,

*Georgina McKinnon*

Executive Director

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July 10, 2025

Mayor and Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald St. East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5K4

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of St. Joseph's Care Group, I am writing in support for the City's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative, including the location at 114 Miles Street East as recommended by City Staff and approved by City Council.

We believe the Temporary Shelter Village represents a compassionate approach in addressing a growing crisis. In particular, we support the Village's emphasis on:

- Providing low-barrier, 24/7 transitional shelter with enhanced safety and dignity
- Offering wraparound supports that connect residents to housing, healthcare, and social services
- Creating a managed environment that reduces the risks associated with unmanaged encampments
- Supporting a coordinated approach among service providers, the City, and emergency services
- Locating the Village near essential services that many unsheltered residents already access and rely on, ensuring familiarity, continuity of care, and improved service connection

At St. Joseph's Care Group, we stand ready to contribute to the efforts of this plan through access to our full continuum of care for mental health and addiction services including, safe sobering, withdrawal management, supportive housing, treatment and mental health outpatient services.

We encourage City Council to ratify 114 Miles Street East as the Temporary Shelter Village location and we look forward to working alongside the municipality and other community partners to ensure its successful implementation.

Sincerely,



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**Ka-Na-Chi-Hih**  
Healing Lodge



July 10th, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Ka-Na-Chi-Hih, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to providing cultural healing and services that rebuild hope, meaning, belonging, and purpose for Indigenous men and women aged 18-29 facing homelessness, mental health, and addiction challenges, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We believe the Temporary Shelter Village represents a compassionate, pragmatic step forward in addressing the growing crisis. In particular, we support the Village's emphasis on:

- Providing low-barrier, 24/7 transitional shelter with enhanced safety and dignity
- Offering wraparound supports that connect residents to housing, healthcare, and social services
- Creating a managed environment that reduces the risks associated with unmanaged encampments
- Supporting a coordinated approach among service providers, the City, and emergency services
- Locating the Village near essential services that many unsheltered residents already access and rely on, ensuring familiarity, continuity of care, and improved service connection

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,

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**Director of Treatment Services**  
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July 10, 2025

**Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

**Dear Mayor and Members of Council:**

On behalf of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, I write to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to providing healing and wellness support services to urban Indigenous people, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at *114 Miles Street East* offers important advantages including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. These services provide pathways out of homelessness that individuals already utilize. Additional advantages include a nearby transit hub and accessibility for emergency services. We are in the midst of a housing crisis and this site is ready for construction now. Approval of this site will support a vulnerable population in being successful in their transition into housing which is urgently needed. Providing stability and dignity to residents will lead to better health outcomes for individuals and our community.

Given our work in outreach, transitional housing, justice, wellness, and family support, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location, and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,

**INDIAN YOUTH FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**

**Charlene Baglien  
Executive Director**



## The Salvation Army

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RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to express our support for the proposed City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

The issue of homelessness is a growing concern, and I believe this project offers a compassionate and practical solution. A Temporary Shelter Village can provide safe, affordable, and stable housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, allowing them to stabilize their lives and access the support services they need to rebuild. This can include access to healthcare, counseling, and job training, all within a supportive community environment.

While I understand that some residents may have concerns about the project, I believe that these can be addressed through careful planning and continued community engagement with stakeholders in the development/building process. It seems that the information presented to council from administration highlights the Miles Street location as the most suitable site for the success of the individuals served. This includes and is not limited to cost, existing infrastructure, access to supports, safety and the proximity to a transit hub.

We hope that our community embraces this innovative approach to homelessness and will work together to ensure the success of this project. Let us demonstrate our compassion and commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive community for all.

Sincerely,

Gary Ferguson  
Executive Director  
The Salvation Army  
Journey to Life Centre

William and Catherine Booth  
Founders

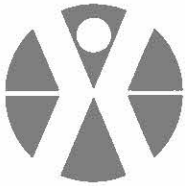
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July 10, 2025

Thunder Bay City Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village Initiative at Kam River  
Heritage Park**

On behalf of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU), I am writing to express our continued support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative, as recommended by City Staff and approved by City Council.

TBDHU is a public health agency committed to promoting health and addressing health inequities. We recognize our role in supporting rapid, compassionate, and rights-based responses to the growing crisis of unsheltered homelessness. We believe the Temporary Shelter Village represents a compassionate and practical step forward in addressing this growing crisis. In particular, we support the initiative's focus on:

- Providing low-barrier, 24/7 transitional shelter that prioritizes safety, dignity and stability
- Offering wraparound supports that connect individuals to housing, healthcare, and social services
- Creating a managed environment that reduces the public health and other risks associated with unmanaged encampments
- Promoting a coordinated approach among service providers, the City, and emergency services
- Locating the Village near essential services already accessed by many unsheltered residents, ensuring continuity of care, and improved service connection

We understand that change can be challenging. However, the status quo is unsustainable and leaves too many without safe or supportive options, including those living unsheltered and the broader community.



We respectfully urge City Council to ratify the Miles Street location as the site for the Temporary Shelter Village and to continue advancing evidence-informed solutions that grounded in dignity, inclusion, and care.

Sincerely,



Janet DeMille, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer  
Thunder Bay District Health Unit



July 10 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to promoting access to justice and housing stability for low-income Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Thunder Bay and surrounding communities, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because:

- It is located near essential services and agencies that many unsheltered individuals already access regularly.
- It provides a more secure and dignified environment for residents than unmanaged encampments.
- It offers the opportunity for residents to build relationships with support workers and transition toward long-term housing.
- It supports improved health and wellness outcomes through stability, warmth, and safety.
- It represents a compassionate and practical response to homelessness in our city.

Given our work in eviction prevention, tenant advocacy, housing stabilization, and support for individuals facing housing insecurity, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the



future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sh' followed by a stylized flourish.

Sarah Racine  
Housing Systems Navigator  
Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

July 10, 2025

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of CMHA Thunder Bay, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

Our organization enhances and promotes the mental health of individuals, families and communities through advocacy, education and mental health service through a recovery-oriented lens. We recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because:

- It provides low-barrier, 24/7 transitional shelter with enhanced safety and dignity
- Offers wraparound supports that connect residents to housing, healthcare, and social services
- Creates a managed environment that reduces the risks associated with unmanaged encampments
- Supports a coordinated approach among service providers, the City, and emergency services
- Locates the Village near essential services that many unsheltered residents already access and rely on, ensuring familiarity, continuity of care, and improved service connection

Given our work in providing housing support and working with clients who are at risk of homelessness, we are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Stubbings  
Chief Executive Officer



July 10, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Grace Place, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to serving and offering emergency overnight shelter to the most vulnerable population in the city of Thunder Bay, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because:

1. Its proximity to much needed resources and services for the homeless population.
2. The ability to connect with housing resources in their neighbourhood.
3. Having the resources they need without having to live in an encampment in tents and to be housed temporarily with dignity.

Given our work at Grace Place for 18yrs, and the Out of the Cold program, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the city, for the homeless to access our services and to work with the future



operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,

Melody Macsemchuk

Founder of Grace Place  
Operations Manager  
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July 10, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

On behalf of NorWest Community Health Centres, I am writing to express our support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative, including the location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization, NorWest Community Health Centres is committed to improving the health and well-being of community members who are impacted by systemic barriers, food insecurity, homelessness and poverty. NorWest Community Health Centres we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

We believe the recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery and we are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because:

- Located near services and supports that people are familiar with, including being near a transit hub
- Provides pathways for residents out of homelessness and into housing
- Supports a vulnerable population and reducing unmanaged encampments
- Be at the location that will best support residents in being successful in their transition to housing
- Providing stability and dignity to residents; leading to better health outcomes

Given our work in mental health and addiction supports, and community health and system navigation, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,



Juanita Lawson  
Chief Executive Officer  
NorWest Community Health Centres

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July 11, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

On behalf of Lutheran Community Care, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization committed to serving some of our most vulnerable citizens, we recognize the critical need for safer, supportive, and stable shelter options in our community. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the immediate crisis and improving outcomes for those living unsheltered.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers important advantages, including proximity to services and potential for integrated support delivery. We are particularly supportive of this project and recommended location because this site:

- is located near services and supports that people are familiar with;
- is near a transit hub;
- provides pathways for residents out of homelessness and into housing;
- supports a vulnerable population and reduces unmanaged encampments;
- provides a location that will support residents to successfully transition into housing;
- provides stability and dignity to residents, which will ultimately lead to better health outcomes.

Given our work with street-involved individuals, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project. We are open to exploring how our organization can collaborate with the City, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to those struggling with homelessness.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Rob Barrett  
Executive Director  
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July 11, 2025

Mayor and Members of City Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

Re: Indigenous Advisory Council Support for Temporary Village Initiative

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

On behalf of the City of Thunder Bay's Indigenous Advisory Council, we write to express our strong support for the Temporary Village initiative, including the recommended site – 114 Miles Street - identified by Administration. This initiative represents a necessary and compassionate step toward addressing the urgent needs of those living unsheltered in our community.

Indigenous community members are disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness in Thunder Bay. This is not because of individual failings, but rather the result of systemic failures, intergenerational trauma, and the ongoing impacts of colonization. The legacy of residential schools, broken treaties, and displacement continues to affect the health and wellbeing of Indigenous peoples across Canada, including here in our city.

In supporting the Temporary Village, we also affirm our collective responsibility to uphold the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action – particularly those that call upon all levels of government to close the gaps in health, housing, and social outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Providing access to safer, more stable shelter options rooted in dignity and cultural safety is part of that responsibility. This initiative is a local opportunity to put those principles into practice.

We understand that a timely decision by Council is required to move this initiative forward and to ensure readiness ahead of colder weather. We urge you to act without delay, recognizing that the risks of inaction fall most heavily on the city's most vulnerable.

The Indigenous Advisory Council stands ready to support this work through ongoing guidance and engagement, and we welcome continued collaboration to ensure this initiative honours the principles of reconciliation, equity, and respect.

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City of Thunder Bay Indigenous Advisory Council



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July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

On behalf of the Independent Living Resource Centre, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

As an organization grounded in the Independent Living philosophy, we advocate for the rights, dignity, and self-determination of people with disabilities. Many individuals who are unhoused also live with visible and invisible disabilities, and are disproportionately affected by barriers to housing, income, healthcare, and support. We believe this initiative is a critical and compassionate response to these intersecting issues.

The recommended site at 114 Miles Street East offers several important advantages:

- It is near services and supports that residents may already access, including our Centre, which provides system navigation, peer support, and access to essential needs.
- It is located near public transit, which is essential for residents with mobility disabilities or those who rely on accessible transportation.
- It creates a more stable and dignified environment where people with disabilities can access consistent support without the danger of living in encampments.
- It acknowledges that housing is a human right and that support structures must be inclusive of people with cognitive, physical, sensory, and mental health-related disabilities.
- It will help reduce health and safety risks for people with complex needs, many of whom experience discrimination or difficulty accessing mainstream services.
- It provides a foundation for residents to begin moving from survival to self-determination, something that aligns deeply with our organization's values.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in taking practical and compassionate steps toward addressing homelessness in our community.

Jennie Gibbons  
Executive Director  
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July 14, 2025

Thunder Bay City Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village Initiative at Miles St**

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Elizabeth Fry Society of NWO, I am writing to express our support for the City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative at the location of Miles St recommended by City Staff and approved by City Council.

As an organization that would be a close neighbour to this project and currently supports women and gender diverse individuals leaving incarceration, those unhoused in our community and those at risk, we recognize the urgent need for rapid, human-rights-based responses to unsheltered homelessness in our community.

At EFSNWO we have recently developed housing specifically for this population and it is proven that with a compassionate human rights based approach, individuals when supported are able to take control of their lives.

We believe the Temporary Shelter Village represents a compassionate, pragmatic step forward in addressing the growing crisis. In particular, we support the Village's emphasis on:

- Providing low-barrier, 24/7 transitional shelter with enhanced safety and dignity
- Offering wraparound supports that connect residents to housing, healthcare, and social services
- Creating a managed environment that reduces the risks associated with unmanaged encampments
- Supporting a coordinated approach among service providers, the City, and emergency services
- Locating the Village near essential services that many unsheltered residents already access and rely on, ensuring familiarity, continuity of care, and improved service connection

We understand that any change comes with challenges. However, the status quo is unsustainable and leaves too many without safe options, including both individuals living unsheltered and the broader community.

We respectfully urge City Council to approve the Miles St location as the Temporary Shelter Village's location and to continue supporting solutions that reflect the values of dignity, inclusion, and care.

Sincerely,

**Lindsay Martin-Executive Director and Systemic Advocate**

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perceived impacts, often rooted more in stigma than in fact. International and Canadian evidence demonstrates that when these communities are planned with care and connected to services, they foster safety and stability for residents and the broader neighbourhood alike. For example, the Bridge Healing Program in Edmonton has reduced emergency room visits by 40%, while Seattle's Tiny Home Villages led to a 60% drop in 911 calls and a measurable increase in foot traffic and community vitality. In Portland, Oregon, similar projects have coincided with business improvements and higher retail engagement in adjacent areas.

Proposals to relocate the Village to industrial zones or unused brownfield lands may appear neutral or pragmatic on the surface, but they reveal a troubling tendency to treat people experiencing homelessness as a problem to be hidden rather than supported. Suggesting contaminated or inaccessible sites, far from core services and requiring costly remediation, demonstrates a disregard for the health, dignity, and human rights of vulnerable residents. These proposals perpetuate a harmful legacy of pushing necessary social infrastructure to the margins, further entrenching exclusion and undermining any sincere commitment to reconciliation and equity. Proposals that would isolate residents in inaccessible or hazardous locations risk violating legal obligations under Canada's National Housing Strategy Act and relevant court rulings, which affirm the responsibility of all levels of government to ensure safe, accessible shelter and uphold the human right to housing. By contrast, the Miles Street location offers a cost-effective, immediately usable space that aligns with the principles of trauma-informed care, harm reduction, and evidence-based planning.

Given our longstanding work to improve housing and health outcomes for First Nations peoples, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this initiative for our members who find themselves displaced in Thunder Bay. We emphasize community-led, culturally appropriate housing models and have worked with architectural and design teams to incorporate First Nations perspectives into shelter development. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the City, the future operator, and community partners to ensure this project is grounded in dignity, equity, and hope.

We respectfully urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and commend your leadership in advancing pragmatic, evidence-based, and human rights-informed responses to homelessness. This decision has the potential not only to transform individual lives but to demonstrate Thunder Bay's commitment to inclusive and equitable community-building.

Sincerely,

**NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION**



Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum

Cc.: *NAN Chiefs*  
*NAN Executive Council*



**Dr. David Kisselgoff**

Director, Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum

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July 09, 2025

Ms. Krista Power

City Clerk

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Dear Ms. Power,

**Re: Request to Appear Before Council – Opposition to Proposed Homeless Village on Miles Street Lot**

On behalf of the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum, I, Dr. David Kisselgoff, respectfully request to appear as a deputant before City Council on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This letter is submitted in accordance with your deputation requirements.

**Presenter(s):**

- Dr. David Kisselgoff, Director, Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum

**Subject Matter:**

I am appearing before the Council to express our strong opposition to the proposed establishment of a homeless village on the city-owned lot located on Miles Street. The subject site is directly adjacent to the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum and many other cultural and tourism assets of Thunder Bay, including but not limited to Thunder Bay Museum, Antiques shop, Amethyst Shop and historic Caledonia building.

**Outcome Sought:**

We respectfully request that Council reconsider the selection of this location for the proposed homeless village. We are asking Council to direct Administration to explore alternative locations that do not compromise the viability of nearby businesses or museums that contribute to the city's cultural and economic life.

**Financial Considerations:**

While we are not requesting funding at this time, we believe the proposed development poses an indirect financial threat to our museum operations, tourism traffic, and property value. If necessary, we are prepared to submit budgetary documentation demonstrating these projected impacts.

**Previous Efforts:**

We have communicated our concerns with relevant municipal departments and have supported public consultation efforts. Despite these efforts, the Miles Street location has come up for discussion again.

**Overview of Deputation:**

Our deputation will outline the negative impact that this proposed development will have on the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum, including safety concerns, reduced visitor traffic, and potential damage to our institution's reputation. We will also present data, maps, and relevant community feedback supporting our position. Our goal is to work collaboratively with the City to identify more suitable locations that address the needs of unhoused residents without displacing or jeopardizing nearby institutions.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to presenting before Council.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Kisselgoff

Director, Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum

Hello,

Please note the following response to Speak to City Council has been submitted at Thursday July 10th 2025 12:28 PM with reference number 2025-07-10-004.

- **What would you like to speak to Council about:**  
Temporary Shelter Village
- **Is this an item scheduled on a current agenda?:**  
Yes
- **If yes, please provide report title or number.**  
Temporary Shelter Village site location
- **Provide as much information as you can about the matter you would like to speak to:**  
The committee would like to speak to council and in favour of Miles St as recommended in the report and to bring the committee perspective to the table
- **Provide specific actions you would like Council to take:**  
Approve the location
- **Have you already been in contact with City staff in regards to the subject matter of your deputation request?**  
Yes
- **Please select the date of the meeting:**  
Committee of the Whole - Monday, July 14 2025
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Community Safety and Wellbeing Advisory Committee



- **Please note the names of the presenters that will be attending with you:**  
Still being determined- will advise Clerks
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate in the meeting.**  
In Person

Hello,

Please note the following response to Speak to City Council has been submitted at Friday July 11th 2025 11:56 AM with reference number 2025-07-11-006.

- **What would you like to speak to Council about:**  
report 12.1 back to council temporary village
- **Is this an item scheduled on a current agenda?:**  
Yes
- **If yes, please provide report title or number.**  
12.1
- **Provide as much information as you can about the matter you would like to speak to:**  
speaking on process of temporary village from start to present
- **Provide specific actions you would like Council to take:**  
council to stop the process
- **Have you already been in contact with City staff in regards to the subject matter of your deputation request?**  
No
- **Please select the date of the meeting:**  
Committee of the Whole - Monday, July 14 2025
- **Please choose**  
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- **Organization you represent: (optional)**  
Fort William Business District BIA

- **Please note the names of the presenters that will be attending with you:**  
aldo ruberto tony depaulo
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate in the meeting.**  
Virtual

Hello,

Please note the following response to Speak to City Council has been submitted at Friday July 11th 2025 4:00 PM with reference number 2025-07-11-016.

- **What would you like to speak to Council about:**  
Approval of Site Selection of Temporary Shelter Village
- **Is this an item scheduled on a current agenda?:**  
Yes
- **If yes, please provide report title or number.**  
Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations
- **Provide as much information as you can about the matter you would like to speak to:**  
Will speak in support of the site selection of the temporary shelter village at 114 Miles Street East
- **Provide specific actions you would like Council to take:**  
Approve the site selection of the temporary shelter village
- **Have you already been in contact with City staff in regards to the subject matter of your deputation request?**  
Yes
- **Please select the date of the meeting:**  
Committee of the Whole - Monday, July 14 2025
- **Please choose**  
Ms
- **First name:**  
Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty
- **Last name:**  
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- **Phone:**  
(807) 621-0464
- **Organization you represent: (optional)**  
Nishnawbe Aski Nation

- **Please note the names of the presenters that will be attending with you:**  
It will be Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum presenting, with support staff in attendance
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate in the meeting.**  
In Person

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