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MEMORANDUM

TO: Krista Power, Director – Legislative Services & City Clerk
FROM: Cynthia Olsen, Director – Strategy & Engagement
DATE: May 5, 2025
RE: Letters of Support for Temporary Village at Kam River Heritage Park

Following City Council's approval of Kam River Heritage Park for the Temporary Shelter Village during the April 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, thirteen local organizations, and a client group have submitted letters of support urging Council to ratify their decision.

The letters consistently endorse the location and model, citing the Village's low-barrier, 24/7 design, on-site wraparound supports, and proximity to essential services. They highlight the need for a coordinated, managed alternative to unmanaged encampments and emphasize that the status quo is unsustainable.

Attached, please find letters of support from the following:

- Alpha Court
- Anishinawbe Mushkiki
- Canadian Mental Health Association Thunder Bay
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Northwestern Ontario
- Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Healing Lodge
- Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic
- Matawa First Nations Management
- NorWest Community Health Centres
- PACE Clients
- People Advocating for Change through Empowerment (PACE)
- Shelter House
- St. Joseph's Care Group
- Thunder Bay Counselling
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit