



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*