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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,



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