

Dew Drop Inn Thunder Bay
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 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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