



**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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