



## THUNDER BAY INDIGENOUS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

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**Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Thunder Bay  
500 Donald Street East  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East**

**Dear Mayor and Members of Council:**

On behalf of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, I write 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 healing and wellness support services to urban Indigenous people, 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. These services provide pathways out of homelessness that individuals already utilize. Additional advantages include a nearby transit hub and accessibility for emergency services. We are in the midst of a housing crisis and this site is ready for construction now. Approval of this site will support a vulnerable population in being successful in their transition into housing which is urgently needed. Providing stability and dignity to residents will lead to better health outcomes for individuals and our community.

Given our work in outreach, transitional housing, justice, wellness, and family support, we see real potential to contribute to the success of this project 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,

**INDIAN YOUTH FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**

**Charlene Baglien  
Executive Director**