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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,

I am writing to express our support for the proposed City of Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and the recommended location at 114 Miles Street East.

The issue of homelessness is a growing concern, and I believe this project offers a compassionate and practical solution. A Temporary Shelter Village can provide safe, affordable, and stable housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, allowing them to stabilize their lives and access the support services they need to rebuild. This can include access to healthcare, counseling, and job training, all within a supportive community environment.

While I understand that some residents may have concerns about the project, I believe that these can be addressed through careful planning and continued community engagement with stakeholders in the development/building process. It seems that the information presented to council from administration highlights the Miles Street location as the most suitable site for the success of the individuals served. This includes and is not limited to cost, existing infrastructure, access to supports, safety and the proximity to a transit hub.

We hope that our community embraces this innovative approach to homelessness and will work together to ensure the success of this project. Let us demonstrate our compassion and commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive community for all.

Sincerely,

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