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Mayor and Members of Council
City of Thunder Bay
500 Donald Street East
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July 10, 2025

RE: Letter of Support – Temporary Shelter Village at 114 Miles Street East

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of CMHA 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.

Our organization enhances and promotes the mental health of individuals, families and communities through advocacy, education and mental health service through a recovery-oriented lens. 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:

- It provides low-barrier, 24/7 transitional shelter with enhanced safety and dignity
- Offers wraparound supports that connect residents to housing, healthcare, and social services
- Creates a managed environment that reduces the risks associated with unmanaged encampments
- Supports a coordinated approach among service providers, the City, and emergency services
- Locates the Village near essential services that many unsheltered residents already access and rely on, ensuring familiarity, continuity of care, and improved service connection

Given our work in providing housing support and working with clients who are at risk of homelessness, 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,

Tiffany Stubbings
Chief Executive Officer