Grace Place

July 10, 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 Grace Place, 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 and offering emergency overnight shelter to the most vulnerable population in the city of Thunder Bay, 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:
 1. Its proximity to much needed resources and services for the homeless population.
 2. The ability to connect with housing resources in their neighbourhood.
 3. Having the resources they need without having to live in an encampment in tents and to be housed temporarily with dignity.

Given our work at Grace Place for 18yrs, and the Out of the Cold program, 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, for the homeless to access our services and to work with the future

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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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