

July 11, 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 Lutheran Community Care, 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 some of our most vulnerable citizens, 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 this site:

- is located near services and supports that people are familiar with;
- is near a transit hub;
- provides pathways for residents out of homelessness and into housing;
- supports a vulnerable population and reduces unmanaged encampments;
- provides a location that will support residents to successfully transition into housing;
- provides stability and dignity to residents, which will ultimately lead to better health outcomes.



Given our work with street-involved individuals, 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, the future operator, and other organizations to support residents and help foster a safer, cleaner, and better community for all.

We urge Council to approve the Miles Street location and thank you for your leadership in advancing compassionate and practical responses to those struggling with homelessness.

Sincerely and respectfully,



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