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Dear Ms. Power,

Re: Request to Appear Before Council – Opposition to Proposed Homeless Village on Miles Street Lot

On behalf of the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum, I, Dr. David Kisselgoff, respectfully request to appear as a deputant before City Council on July 14th, 2025. This letter is submitted in accordance with your deputation requirements.

Presenter(s):

- Dr. David Kisselgoff, Director, Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum

Subject Matter:

I am appearing before the Council to express our strong opposition to the proposed establishment of a homeless village on the city-owned lot located on Miles Street. The subject site is directly adjacent to the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum and many other cultural and tourism assets of Thunder Bay, including but not limited to Thunder Bay Museum, Antiques shop, Amethyst Shop and historic Caledonia building.

Outcome Sought:

We respectfully request that Council reconsider the selection of this location for the proposed homeless village. We are asking Council to direct Administration to explore alternative locations that do not compromise the viability of nearby businesses or museums that contribute to the city's cultural and economic life.

Financial Considerations:

While we are not requesting funding at this time, we believe the proposed development poses an indirect financial threat to our museum operations, tourism traffic, and property value. If necessary, we are prepared to submit budgetary documentation demonstrating these projected impacts.

Previous Efforts:

We have communicated our concerns with relevant municipal departments and have supported public consultation efforts. Despite these efforts, the Miles Street location has come up for discussion again.

Overview of Deputation:

Our deputation will outline the negative impact that this proposed development will have on the Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum, including safety concerns, reduced visitor traffic, and potential damage to our institution's reputation. We will also present data, maps, and relevant community feedback supporting our position. Our goal is to work collaboratively with the City to identify more suitable locations that address the needs of unhoused residents without displacing or jeopardizing nearby institutions.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to presenting before Council.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Kisselgoff

Director, Kisselgoff Motorcycle Museum