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AT THE GURU'S DOOR ONE HEARS THE GOD'S PRAISE. BY MEETING THE TRUE GURU, ONE UTTERS THE LORD'S PRAISE WITH HIS/HER MOUTH.

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Monday, September 26, 2021

Mayor Brown and Members of Council:

RE: Minister Zoning Order (MZO) Request for Niwaas Campus of Care

This letter is to request a Council resolution in support of a Minister Zoning Order (MZO) for the property located at 380 Fernforest Drive in Brampton.

The property is owned by Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Centre Brampton; a charitable organization that currently manages and operates two Gurudwaras within Brampton, one located at 99 Glidden Road and the second at 32 Regan Road, with a weekly congregation of over 10,000 worshippers.

As you may already know, Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Centre Brampton wishes to build and operate a not-for-profit long-term care home at 380 Fernforest Drive, named Niwaas Campus of Care. On March 18, 2021 the Ministry of Long-Term Care approved their application for a 160-bed long-term care facility at this location. The site will provide culturally and linguistically specialized care for the Punjabi and Sikh community, with auxiliary space for complementary uses such as senior day programs. The design for this long-term care home goes above the Ministry of Long-Term Care requirements for infection controls, incorporates green building practices such as LEED certification, and aims to implement diabetes management and palliative care services in addition to the Region of Peel's pilot Butterfly Project for dementia care.

The subject site is currently zoned Institutional 1 and requires a minor rezoning to Institutional 2 to allow for the development of a long-term care home. It also requires minor changes to the subdivision agreement that currently further limit the land use to either low-density residential or a place of worship. Obtaining the MZO would allow the Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Centre Brampton to streamline processes and accelerate the project's construction timelines by at least 1 year, allowing for quicker project completion and the timely rollout of much needed services for the community.

The long-term care sector was severely affected with Covid-19 and having this project expedited will help relieve significant pressures on long-term care for residents, as well as serve the needs of Brampton's vast Punjabi and Sikh community. As the Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Centre Brampton is a charitable organization, and this long-term care home will be a not-for-profit home, the MZO will allow for the saved funds to be invested back into the project.

For these reasons, Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Centre Brampton is requesting a resolution from the City of Brampton that supports a MZO for Niwaas Campus of Care.

Sincerely,

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