



October 18, 2021

City Councillors
C/O The Corporation of the City of Brampton
2 Wellington Street West
Brampton, ON
L6Y 4R2

Re: Agenda Item 7.6- City- Initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments to the City's Supportive Housing Policies, and Amendment to the Group Home Registration By-Law

Dear Brampton City Council:

This letter serves as follow-up to individual letters submitted to all city councillors on March 9, 2020. Christian Horizons is a non-profit, faith-based charitable organization with more than 3,500 employees. Our vision is to see people who experience disabilities belong to their communities. We provide services in more than 200 homes across the province, and support nearly 2,000 people who experience developmental disabilities and their families in Ontario and Saskatchewan. Christian Horizons is funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and is reviewed annually for compliance to Ontario legislation. Specifically in Brampton we provide supports to adults who experience a developmental disability to live in six different homes, and also provide supports through our Supported Independent Living, Host Family, and Community Participation Supports.

We had the privilege of participating in stakeholder meetings regarding the Group Home and Supportive Housing study on October 8, 2019, and subsequently on February 27, 2020. At these meetings we were able to review recommended changes to policy as proposed by WSP who was hired to complete this review. Specifically, WSP has recommended bylaw revisions that include an improved definition of supportive housing; removing the proximity bylaws and maximum numbers of supporting housing and group home units per zone; and revamping the registration process to remove neighbor notification or open houses.

We apologize that we could not attend the meeting in person this evening, however Christian Horizons strongly supports all the recommended changes to the bylaws as it removes barriers for people who experience disabilities to find appropriate housing within the City of Brampton. The current bylaws impose requirements that are not required by any other citizen within the City of Brampton. In an act of ensuring accessibility for all citizens, we request that you lend your support towards approving the proposed recommendations and the subsequent revisions to the bylaws.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Norton".

Michelle Norton
District Services Manager
Copy: Patty Vlaar, Executive Director