

■ Suffolk Street West,
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February 5, 2021.

Dear Mayor Guthrie and City Councillors,

My name is Molly Roberts and I am a Registered Dietitian and a ward 2 resident writing in support of the zoning by-law amendment for permanent supportive housing located at **721 Woolwich Street**.

I am pleased that our community has a plan to end homelessness by 2023. Creating permanent supportive housing for those who need it most is an essential part of making this happen. Permanent supportive housing is a cost-effective solution that is proven to improve peoples' lives, increase health and wellbeing and support a stronger community as a result. When everyone in our community has a safe and affordable place to call home our whole community benefits.

In my work, I help low-income older adults access adequate food. During the pandemic I have had increased requests to help with food security for homeless older adults. What a contrast between housed and unhoused people. The majority of the older adults I work with live in County of Wellington Housing buildings. While lower-income older adults do not have easy lives, housing makes an incredible difference to their wellbeing. People with permanent supportive housing have a place to receive, store and prepare food. They can be food secure. Without housing food security is almost impossible.

I believe that everyone should have a safe, stable and affordable place to call home, and access to supports to make that possible. I encourage City Council to approve this amendment and help put an end to homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,



Molly Roberts