



Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Council
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Care for our Common Home



March 4th 2021

Attention: Mayor Guthrie and Guelph City Council Members

Regarding File #OZS21-001

Application to amend the Zoning By-Law for the lands municipally known as 85 and 89 Willow Road.

Dear Mayor Guthrie and City Council members, on behalf of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Women's League, I write to inform you of our great support for the application to amend the Zoning By-Law for the lands municipally known as 85 and 89 Willow Road, Guelph.

We urge you to support the application which would allow for the development of a “supportive housing” project that would see 32 housing units created on this site. We believe that City Council's support of this application is certainly in line with this Council's obvious compassion for those members of our City who remain homeless. We are keeping this request at a minimum given the lengthy submission we made to City Council several weeks ago regarding another such project in the city. Our passion is no less for this wonderful project and we are so very pleased to give it our support this particular way but also our prayerful support as the applicants come to you for your approval.

We all know that accommodation is the key, to assisting those who live most of their lives on the streets, to getting the help that they need and assisting them to get their lives under their control. We also recognize that there are citizens in Guelph who have concerns regarding these projects and we respectfully request that all voices speak with respect and be heard with respect.

Calling citizens “nimbys” or “yimbys” pits us against each other when all that is really needed is for an honest dialogue and the acceptance that we may have differing thoughts regarding supportive housing. In our view, the citizens of Guelph have a right to their opinions and their views without being labelled in this way.

Again, we ask you to consent to this application for re-zoning and look forward to watching this project come to fruition in due time.

Sincerely

Mrs Jakki Jeffs
President