



October 12, 2023

Dear Guelph City Council,

Thank you for your continued commitment to understand and address the complexities of housing and homelessness in the City of Guelph.

Kindle Communities is deeply proud of our role as a charitable, non-profit builder and landlord in the City of Guelph. We appreciate the City's support of our permanent supportive housing (PSH) project at 10 Shelldale, which will provide homes to 32 community members who are experiencing chronic homelessness.

We reviewed the *Housing in Guelph Workshop Actions and Responses* staff report. While we support all the recommendations that were included, we wanted to highlight three specific recommendations.

Recommendation #1 Human rights-based approach – Kindle Communities believes housing is a human right, and that every community member deserves a safe, affordable place to call home. Thank you for acknowledging the need to adopt this approach to housing, including a Housing First philosophy, to align with the National Housing Strategy.

Recommendation #6 Support advocating to the Ministry of Health – Accessible base funding to support wraparound health services for housing on the left-hand side of the housing continuum is necessary.

Recommendation #7 Private and non-profit sector partnerships – Kindle Communities is grateful for the partnership with Skyline Group of Companies. Skyline is an important community partner – and a good neighbour to the Shelldale Centre and 10 Shelldale Crescent. This partnership demonstrates that the non-profit sector can be a key actor in helping our community build housing. We encourage the City of Guelph to continue to support private/public sector partnerships that help our community to achieve its shared goal of ending chronic homelessness in Guelph.

As the City of Guelph proceeds with the next steps of prioritizing and implementing an action plan for this report, we encourage you to prioritize permanent supportive housing and shelter in the coming months. Kindle Communities will be pleased to be among the service providers ready to partner to support putting these recommendations into action.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daria Allan-Ebron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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