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Dear Council,

Thank you for considering options for alternative emergency housing for Guelph-Wellington in 2024. We reviewed the Temporary Structured Encampment Report with great interest.

The complexities of homelessness are not well understood, and we commend Council on furthering its understanding, and considering options to protect our community members.

We firmly believe that every community member deserves a safe, affordable place to live. Nobody wants a repeat of last winter, when so many community members turned to unstructured encampments throughout the City.

We have been leaders in bringing housing solutions online for our community, but we haven't done this without partnerships. There is a role for everyone, in coming together to meet the full spectrum of our community's housing needs.

Our organizations would be pleased to support ideation and development of innovative solutions that create housing across the continuum, but we must get started now. We strongly encourage Council to take concrete next steps in co-leading solutions to address homelessness in our community.

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