



May 22, 2025

Hope House Guelph  
10 Cork Street East,  
Guelph ON N1H 4N4

Re: Item 6.1 Addressing Gaps in Daytime Sheltering Options for Persons Experiencing Homelessness - 2025-92

Dear Mayor Guthrie and City Councillors.

The Board, staff, volunteers and community members of Hope House would like to share our appreciation for the Council's support of moving forward with an RFP for the provision of 12-hour daytime shelter service for the duration of two years to meet the basic needs of persons experiencing homelessness. As we all know daytime shelters offer significant benefits to individuals experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to critical services such as washrooms & spaces to meet with community workers, reduction of health risks, increased opportunities for stability and employment with dignity and respect.

It is our belief that the shelter can become a long-term, accessible, sustainable addition to a safe, vibrant, welcoming and inclusive downtown community.

Finally, we wanted to share that Hope House is not in a position to apply to become a daytime shelter and will not be participating in the Request for Proposal process.

We look forward to hearing about this exciting development and offer our support and encouragement in any way we are able.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaya James".

Jaya James  
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