



July 31, 2024

Attention
Honourable Premier Tim Houston
Minister Lohr
MP Kody Blois
MLA Sheehy-Richard

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RE: Financial support for the under housed population in West Hants

Please accept the following letter on behalf of the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM) and its' Council regarding the pressing concerns related to the ongoing housing crisis in West Hants, the lack of resources for the under housed population and the urgent need for a permanent shelter for residents in our region.

With the awareness that permanent supported housing is the desired solution for many experiencing living rough; we recognize this will take time and a commitment from all levels of government for immediate actionable solutions to meet the current needs for those experiencing homelessness. A housing/shelter option for all is needed now.

While programs have been created to develop additional housing stock and opportunities, the challenge remains in establishing a safe housing option that meets the needs of those experiencing homelessness while also providing the additional wrap around support needed for success.

Until a housing option exists that meets the needs of everyone, we urge you to help bridge the gap for those living rough by dedicating funding to establish a permanent shelter for those living in West Hants.

To formally express the current position of the Council who met on June 24, 2024, to discuss this matter the following motion was ratified.

"COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO WRITE A LETTER TO ALL RELEVANT PROVINCIAL MINISTERS, WEST HANTS MLA MELISSA SHEEHY RICHARD, AND THE PREMIER EXPRESSING THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNDER HOUSED POPULATION IN WEST HANTS INCLUDING SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH A

PERMANENT SHELTER".

West Hants Regional Municipality thanks you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to further discussions and a collaborative approach that addresses the critical need for financial resources to support the establishment of a permanent shelter in West Hants.

Respectfully,



Abraham Zebian, Mayor

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CC: West Hants Regional Municipal Council
Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Phillips