



October 30, 2015

Re: EX 9.6 George Street Revitalization Report to Council

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Council;

The Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness is a group of 80 individuals representing people with lived experience of homelessness, housing, health and social service providers, academics, researchers, volunteers and various community and advocacy groups. Our objective is to work for the reduction and ending of homelessness in Toronto.

For the past 12 months we have worked closely with the City of Toronto, Shelter Support and Housing Administration Division to develop plans and strategies to enhance City / community consultation and to effectively address the crisis of homelessness in our City. This has been a very positive and productive relationship.

A few of our members have been involved in the advisory group and consultation processes connected to the George Street Revitalization. We support the overall direction and objective of the plan because of the potential to yield improvements to quality of life and health for the current residents of Seaton House and the School House Shelter.

In the immediate future we look forward to working with Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to develop the details of a transition plan that will address issues of shelter capacity, the development of new housing options and the deployment of health and support services to new locations in the City once Seaton House is closed.

We have spoken to the General Manager of SSHA, Phillip Abrahams, and he has committed to working intensively and meaningfully with the Alliance to develop these plans. Our first meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2015.

Sincerely,

Mark Aston, Chair of the Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness

On behalf of the Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness (membership list attached)

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