



Red Door FAMILY SHELTER

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Executive Committee
Toronto City Council
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Re: Securing the Future of the Red Door Shelter

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

In June 2014, City Council directed City Staff to explore all options required to ensure the continuity of services by the Red Door Family Shelter. We, the Board of Directors, want to mark this occasion by publicly acknowledging and celebrating the leadership of Councillor Fletcher and all Council members for their support which has led to an innovative partnership that will secure the long-term future of the Red Door. In addition to the tremendous support provided by Councillor Fletcher and City Council, we also want to take the time to recognize retired Deputy City Manager Brenda Patterson and her staff for their hard work to help develop this ground-breaking plan to secure our family shelter.

We ask that the Executive Committee pass the recommendations contained in the Staff Report "Securing the Future of the Red Door Shelter" (dated April 7, 2015) as completed by the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and the Chief Corporate Officer.

Within this novel partnership between the City of Toronto and Harhay Construction Management Limited, Red Door will be responsible for outfitting the new shelter building with furniture and equipment. In response to this requirement, Red Door has launched a Capital Campaign that will ensure it fulfills its part of the agreement. City Council also directed City Staff to assist Red Door in finding a temporary location while the new shelter is being built. The Red Door is currently working with the City to secure a temporary location which will ensure the continuation of our services for families while the project is being completed. The Red Door is fully committed to moving forward by working effectively with our partners to bring this project to a successful resolution.

On behalf of the over 500 vulnerable families we serve every year and the over 50,000 community supporters we, the Board of Directors, say thank you to Councillor Fletcher, City Council and the City Staff for all of their hard work to secure the long-term future of the Red Door Family Shelter.

Sincerely,

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