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Dear Members of the Toronto City Council,

As the Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, I am writing to extend my enthusiastic support for the proposed 392-bed Long Term Care facility at 400 Broadview Avenue by Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital and Sinai Health. This initiative is essential for our community, particularly for our senior members who deserve accessible and quality care.

Our church is deeply committed to fostering a community of compassion, inclusivity, and support. We have a rich history of advocating for the rights and well-being of all individuals, especially those of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We see the needs of the community and believe that the establishment of this Long Term Care facility is a critical step toward ensuring that our seniors receive the dignified care they deserve, as close to their homes and loved ones as possible.

This facility will address a significant gap in our city by providing much-needed long term care beds. A recent Toronto Star [report](#) says that we've lost 500 beds over the past 3 years. The proximity to the existing Bridgepoint Hospital ensures that residents will benefit from an integrated network of care, enhancing their quality of life and providing peace of mind for their families.

We're glad to see that significant planning and foresight that have gone into addressing potential issues such as traffic and parking, as well as the integration with public transit. This demonstrates a commitment to minimizing the impact on the surrounding neighborhood while maximizing accessibility for residents and visitors.

At the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, we believe that caring for our seniors is a reflection of our values and our commitment to social justice. This Long Term Care facility is a vital addition to our community infrastructure, and I am confident it will have a profoundly positive impact on the lives of many.

I urge all community members and stakeholders to support this important project. Together, we can ensure that our seniors receive the care and respect they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deana Dudley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deana" and last name "Dudley" clearly distinguishable.

Rev. Deana Dudley
Senior Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto