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### **RE: Supportive Housing Development – 7 Warlaw Crescent**

To Whom It May Concern,

The Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Shelter has been serving the Etobicoke North community since December 2018 as an 83-bed emergency shelter supporting women and men aged 55 and older. Guided by a Housing First model, our mission is simple: to help seniors find and maintain permanent housing. Over the past seven years, we have successfully housed 81 seniors in a challenging housing market, and through continued community outreach, these individuals have remained successfully housed.

Many of our clients express a strong desire to remain in the Rexdale community, and thanks to the welcoming nature of its residents, easy access to faith-based organizations, and the availability of culturally and linguistically appropriate services, many have found stable housing here. We fully support the development of supportive housing at **7 Warlaw Crescent**, which will provide more permanent housing opportunities for our clients and help them exit homelessness.

Our Community Program Coordinator, Jannette Carino, and our Housing Worker, Thomas Link, have been actively engaged in roundtable discussions supporting this "made-in-Rexdale" supportive housing initiative. Once the development is complete, we would be proud to participate in a joint community liaison committee.

Everyone faces challenges at some point in life. Having access to support within one's own community is vital—it allows people to get the help they need without having to uproot their lives. The residents of North Etobicoke have shown great compassion and generosity to our clients, and we are confident they will extend the same support to this new housing project, knowing that services will be readily available when needed.

At The Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Shelter, we remain committed to meeting the needs of our community and being a transformative presence in the lives of those we serve. We take great pride in helping local residents find shelter and stability, and the addition of desperately needed supportive housing in Rexdale is something this community can and will be proud of.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to reach out.

**Sincerely,**

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Director  
*The Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Shelter*