

councilmeeting

From: Bob White <bob@bri.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2026 6:31 PM
To: councilmeeting
Subject: [External Sender] Re: RE: Strong support for the proposed women's shelter at 3838 Bloor Street West in Ward 2 – Etobicoke Centre.

My apology Marjolaine,

PH30.3 - 3838 Bloor Street West (Women's Shelter site) - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application

Dear Members of the Planning & Housing Committee,

On behalf of the Toronto Area Interfaith Council, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed women's shelter at 3838 Bloor Street West in Ward 2 – Etobicoke Centre.

As an interfaith organization representing diverse religious communities across Toronto, we are guided by shared values of compassion, dignity, and care for those most vulnerable. Across traditions, there is a clear and consistent call to support individuals facing hardship and to ensure that all members of our community have access to safety, shelter, and basic human needs.

We recognize that women experiencing homelessness are among the most vulnerable in our city, often facing heightened risks to their safety and wellbeing. Purpose-built shelters like the one proposed are a necessary and responsible response—providing not only a safe place to stay, but access to supports that can help individuals stabilize and move forward.

We also believe that addressing homelessness is a shared responsibility. A city-wide, distributed approach—such as the one reflected in the City's Shelter Infrastructure Plan—ensures that no single community bears the burden alone, while also fostering more inclusive and balanced neighborhoods.

We understand that there may be concerns raised by local residents. In our experience, when shelters are thoughtfully designed and professionally operated, they become part of the fabric of a caring community. They reflect the values that many of our faith communities actively work to uphold every day: welcoming, supporting, and uplifting those in need.

We respectfully encourage the Committee to approve the required rezoning and allow this important project to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership in addressing one of the most pressing challenges facing our city.

Sincerely,

Toronto Area Interfaith Council
Zul Kassamali, President

On May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM, councilmeeting <councilmeeting@toronto.ca> wrote:

Good day,

Thank you for your email, however, we kindly ask that you note the **agenda item number** you are specifically referring to, so we may accept your communication as a submission.

Thank you,
Marjolaine Prudencio
City Clerk's Office

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