

Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury/Manitoulin Sudbury/Manitoulin

Association canadienne pour la santé mentale

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City of Greater Sudbury PO Box 5000, STN A 200 Brady Street Sudbury, ON P3A 5P3

City of Greater Sudbury:

## **Re: 200 Larch Street Property**

Canadian Mental Health Association - Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA) would like to formally request that the City of Greater Sudbury transfer ownership of 200 Larch Street, Sudbury, Ontario to the Canadian Mental Health Association for a nominal value. The purpose of which would be to colocate to a permanent location the Off the Street (OTS) Emergency Shelter Program and the Harm Reduction Home (HRH) Program, operated by the CMHA.

We see these Programs as benefitting our Community and fitting in with the City's Strategic Plan. This location would offer close proximity to downtown services and supports; and the location is familiar for over the past three (3) years to the individuals utilizing the services and the community. There is also a potential to create a private and safe outdoor space for the participants in both Programs.

We have met with the Councillor for the Ward, and have worked closely with community partners to provide a coordinated and collaborative approach to our services while improving program efficiencies and individual's experiences to service delivery. An as an organization operating the HRH Program and the OTS shelter, we have demonstrated success with:

- Reducing emergency department visits and hospitalization;
- Reducing Police and EMS involvement;
- Delivering improvements in the health and well-being of program participants:
- Transitioning 36 individuals within 5.5 months to more stable supportive housing

Should you require more information please contact us. Thank you for taking the time to review our request.

Sincerely,

M. Chigley

Marion Quigley CEO

Cc: Patty MacDonald **Catherine Matheson** Gail Spencer Tyler Campbell Keith Forrester