



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Sudbury/Manitoulin

Association canadienne
pour la santé mentale
Sudbury/Manitoulin

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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: 291 Lourdes Street Property

Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA) would like to formally request that the City of Greater Sudbury transfer ownership of 291 Lourdes Street, Sudbury, Ontario to the Canadian Mental Health Association for a nominal value. The purpose of which would be to co-locate 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 is in a rental/residential area away from the main business community so it will not impact downtown businesses. This space also allows for the creation of a private and safe outdoor space for the participants in both Programs.

We have met with the Councillor for the Ward, a home owner on the street, and the owner of the apartment building and rooming house that is adjacent to the building, and have had no resistance to date. As an organization operating the HRH Program, 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 individuals to more stable supportive housing.

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

Sincerely,

Marion Quigley CEO

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Catherine Matheson
Gail Spencer
Tyler Campbell
Keith Forrester