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**From:** Jennifer van Gennip <jennifer@redwoodparkcommunities.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:53 PM  
**To:** john.brassard@parl.gc.ca; doug.shiple@parl.gc.ca; andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org; Downey, Doug; Clerks; cityclerks  
**Subject:** Petition regarding closure of hotel-model shelter in Barrie  
**Attachments:** Petition re Barrie motel-model shelter closures - June 2022.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a petition signed by 175 residents regarding the pending closure of the hotel-model shelter in Barrie.

Thank you,

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Dear elected policymaker,

Barrie is facing a crushing housing and homelessness crisis. Hundreds of our neighbours have been denied their basic human right to housing. The hotel-model of emergency shelter is slated to end on July 15, 2022 as funding from all three levels of government runs out. This could result in almost 100 people with absolutely nowhere to go. The long term solution is housing—social housing, supportive housing, subsidized housing—but until that housing is built, shelters save lives and meet an immediate need. While it is not the solution to homelessness, we can't let the hotel-model of emergency shelter end now because peoples' lives will be put at serious risk.

We stand in solidarity with our unhoused neighbours who are bearing the brunt of the poor policy choices that have led to this crisis.

We demand that the provincial government, the federal government, the County of Simcoe, and the City of Barrie immediately collaborate and extend funding for the hotel-model of emergency shelter and create a plan to create permanent, supportive housing. In the long-term, we need hundreds more units of social, supportive, and subsidized housing.

Sincerely,

**Correspondence signed by 175 individuals received June 27, 2022 regarding the pending closure of the hotel-model shelter in Barrie.**