



December 9, 2020

Mayor Jeff Lehman and Members of Council
City of Barrie
c/o Wendy Cooke
City Clerk
70 Collier Street
Barrie, ON
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Dear Mayor Lehman and Members of Council

Redwood Park Communities is undertaking the development of a new 12-unit apartment building in Barrie to offer supported transitional housing for families who are in crisis. This Family Short-term Transitional Housing Project on completion will provide support services to families in partnership with the Salvation Army Barrie Bayside Mission.

Many of these families, as you know, are currently living in motels/shelters. Redwood Park Communities has an opportunity to complete this project in the near future if we can obtain funding from the federal Rapid Housing Initiative managed by CMHC. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2020 and we are seeking a letter of support from City Council for our project application.

Often, we take for granted our own homes, friends, families and the support systems. With this new project, many families will experience, in some cases for the first time, a stable, home with a support system that will provide an opportunity to begin to experience a new hopeful future for themselves and their families.

In addition to the residential units, at the heart of the building is a common community "great room" with a fireplace, community kitchen and social area affording the opportunity for families to connect, make friendships, support each other through a difficult time, and even occasionally share a meal together. It is anticipated that over the next 20 years as many as 800 families will transition through the Family Support Centre on to more secure, safe, affordable housing in other community settings. Attached is an artist's rendering of the project on completion.

We very much appreciate the support the City has provided to date with this project and we respectfully request a letter of support from Council which we believe will assist in a successful application to the Rapid Housing Initiative. We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tim Kent", is written over a faint circular stamp.

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Redwood Park Communities Family Short-term Transitional Housing Project – 153 Lillian Crescent, Barrie