



WOMEN'S
RESOURCES

January 21, 2022

Mayor Andy Letham and Members of Kawartha Lakes City Council:

26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 6H7

Dear Mayor Letham and Members of Council:

For over 30 years, Women's Resources has been providing programs throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes to ensure that abused women and their children can get the help they need to lead lives free of abuse and violence.

Our organization has an opportunity that could leverage over \$1 million of federal government funding into our community to help carry out this important work.

Specifically, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has a current limited time initiative which can provide both one time capital funding and six years of operational funding for the new transitional housing for women and children who have left abusive situations.

Women's Resources has recently purchased the building at 30 Logie street and will be converting the interior of the building from its former use as a church to 6 self contained apartments that will offer safe, affordable apartments for women and women with children. Women's Resources will provide supports to these residents to help ensure a successful transition.

The CMHC Women and Children Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative scores proposals higher if they can bring equity and contributions from others. Women's Resources has made a significant equity contribution through the purchase of the land and the existing building. Even if we are approved for CMHC funding, WR will still have to raise close to \$800,000.00 to support the project.

We are asking for the City to provide a contribution through not requiring payment of the following municipal fees:


- Development Charges
- Parkland Levy

- Planning application fees
- DAAP fees

City Council has previously shown leadership by not requiring these fees to be paid for other affordable housing developments and Women's Resources hopes that the same commitment can be provided for our new 6 unit transitional housing development.

Thank you for this consideration,

Sincerely,


Jane Chapman (Mar 11, 2022 14:18 EST)

Jane Chapman
Chair, Board of Directors
Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes