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Region of Peel Council
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Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

Re: Letter to Transition Board dated September 12, 2023

Peel Alliance to End Homelessness (PAEH) supports the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) letter to the Ontario government’s Transition Board, dated September 12, 2023.

The CAEH letter emphasizes the role of a Coordinated Access System in streamlining wraparound housing matches for people experiencing homelessness and the importance of Coordinated Access to continue unabated as Peel Region municipalities serve vulnerable populations throughout the transition period. Coordinated Access is a key tenet of Built for Zero Canada Community, of which Peel Region is a member.

PAEH shared the letter with its network, including members of the Peel Poverty Action Group (PPAG). PPAG members join PAEH to endorse the CAEH letter.

Through the Region and PAEH’s collective work in developing Coordinated Access, major benchmarks were achieved. Itemized below for the Transition Board, these benchmark assets qualify Peel Region for emergent federal Reaching Home funding and provincial homelessness prevention program funding:

- Quality By-Name List (achieved in October 2020),
- Coordinated Access System (achieved in March 2023)
- Veteran Quality By-Name List (achieved in July 2023)

PAEH and PPAG commend the Region of Peel for its community stakeholder consultations process which has led to adaptive governance and social infrastructure to mitigate homelessness, in addition to the assets above.

Without a whole-of-region, whole-of-community approach to ending homelessness, the Region’s Coordinated Access and By-Name List may collapse: unsheltered individuals and families may face greater challenges in navigating access to housing and supports and fall through cracks in separate jurisdictions. No matter the economic circumstances, a feeling of belonging brings about safer neighbourhoods, a better sense of well-being, stabilized mental health, and more manageable addictions which can lead to recovery.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned to answer questions or provide further information.

Yours sincerely,
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