

## Roehampton Residence Community Liaison Committee

Meeting #11 VIA WEBEX: July 7, 2021, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

### Meeting Minutes – July, 2021

**Meeting Purpose:** To identify ways in which the CLC and Roehampton Residence can work together on initiatives and to share general updates of the Roehampton program

**Land Acknowledgement and Reflection:** I acknowledge the land I am standing on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississauga's of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississauga's of the Credit and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississauga's and Chippewa bands

#### 1. Roll Call, Purpose & Agenda Review: Ertha Downey

- Nicole Williams: Manager – Expansion Sites
- Ertha Downey Shelter Liaison Officer – Roehampton
- Sonya Van Kruistum: Site Leader – Roehampton
- Rev. Joseph: Manor Road United Church
- Wilmar Kortleer: School Board Trustee
- Dennis: 900 Mount Pleasant Road
- Philiz Goh: Mid Town Community Care Group
- Deb Whalen-Blaize: Church of the Transfiguration
- Frank White: Eglinton Place Condo Corp
- Judy Dennison: Litton Park Tennant's Association

#### 2. General Community and Shelter Updates

##### Shelter and covid updates -- Nicole Williams, Roehampton Residence Manager

- Our team is building up more programming for persons residing at Roehampton
- The residents, like most persons, appreciating the increase in more openness, with the community restrictions being lifted
- The art drop-in continues
- Thank you for the ping pong table!! (Pictures were shared on line.)
- The garden is growing (Pictures were shared on line.)
- There are both herbs and flowers in multiple places throughout the building
- Residents are being engaged in the care of the plants and have added more to the planters, such as the Canadian flags
- There were special meals throughout the time for special event days (Pride, Indigenous Peoples, Canada, Fathers) (Pictures shared on line)
- Demographic of persons that are receiving services through the program remain the same
- There are some rooms that are on hold in order to address occupancy issues throughout the system, including encampments
- There have been over 900 people that have been coming indoors through various divisional efforts and the evaluation of this is to come
- There were no serious incidents during this period (since our last meeting).
- There have been issues at Circle K and there is a process in place where security, during certain hours, are doing rounds at the location

- We continue to engage our clients re being good neighbours and what that means around respecting private property etc.
- We are planning an event for August with the Community Care Group

School Trustee Meeting Update -- Wilmar Kortleeve, Shared Services Liaison, TDSB

- There are not issues at present with the classes being on line.
- There are only day camps and day cares in buildings.
- As far as staffing on site it is mainly maintenance staff, who remain on site through out the summer.
- In the fall if the classes do return, the high schools usually return a week previous.
- Sept 8 is the latest date for a return to school.

**3. Facilitated Discussion: All**

Questions re encampments:

- For encampments are there spaces that are available for the persons that are being made to leave a park? As per Nicole: A persons is not made to leave an encampment unless there is a alternative space that is made available to them
- How reasonable are claims that shelters are not safe? As per Nicole: It can be subjectively personal. One article reported that there was an increase, and this would need to be evaluated, to see if accurate, and if so, what are causes. At present there have been deliberate efforts to increase security as a preventative and not a reactive response
- Do locations have locks on doors so that people feel safe? As per Nicole: All of our rooms are locked at Roehampton. Some shelters may not have doors locked due to more open areas, but hotels do have locked doors. There are issues that are also created by the hotel locations, with people being alone in a room. We are larger and therefore we have double occupancy rooms. Therefore, friends can come in and share, if they feel more comfortable.

Questions re donations:

With the summer coming what types of donations would be most useful for donations?

- Sun screen (can be very expensive), hats for sun protection, bathing suits, water bottles

**CLC Transition Discussion: All**

- Next Steps to Transition CLC. There are a range of choices, we could dissolve it, the community could take it back (there are more issues in addition to shelter and therefore the shelter is invited when needed). One group that took this approach elected a Chair from the CLC.
- We could continue the CLC and keep it as is for a length of time
- Do we invite more members to garner differing perspectives?
- At another location, it turned into an Embrace Committee: How can we be more involved in the shelter? Are currently
- Many transition into community meetings with the shelter as one participant

Gerri: The Republic Residents Association has a relatively small catchment area, mostly towards Yonge. Our representation will fall off due to our location. Is there any outdoor space that is level, wondering re possibly playing pickle ball? As per Nicole, we would need to see about spacing. On the third-floor space it may be difficult with ball-based sports

Frank: To date, the CLC not been advisory, more information exchange. I think we need to decide what it is that we want to do, and then decide what form it will take in order to achieve what needs to be done.

Ertha: The conversation will continue the next meeting as we have only a small representation.

Nicole: There can wide ranging membership for a number of neighbourhood groups, depending on what is important to the community that your group is in.

Wilmar: We will need to take it back to the broader group. There is a lot of potential. Recommend group keeping going at least for a few months. Can it continue as is? No sure if we need another community group. Organizations could choose to appoint new representatives to change it up.

Deb: Even though there has not been a lot of direct involvement, it was very helpful for information sharing, when people may not understand the shelter and its place in the community. Would like to see something continuing and engaging even more directly.

Nicole: The group can continue as it, but would need to change Terms of Reference. It can also choose to broaden the terms of reference to include different priorities. We can put the minutes out and then add additional thoughts in the August meeting when we may have more members present.

**4. Ertha's transition off of the CLC:** Ertha has to end meetings here to continue her work back at her base. We will miss you Ertha!! Ertha's remarks: It has been great to see how much the group has changed and how we worked together. The CLC was critical to the shelter integrating into the community. It has been very rewarding, thank you.

Next Meeting there will be another person in Ertha's position. Likely Hellen or Vanita.

#### **Wrap-up & Next Steps**

*Ertha Downey, Shelter Liaison Officer/ All*

- Next CLC meeting date – August 11, 2021, 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Process next steps – meeting notes to be shared with participants for review in draft, participants have 1 week to review before meeting and minutes and agenda will be confirmed at the start of each meeting.