

January 19, 2022

Members of Thunder Bay City Council  
City Hall  
500 Donald Street East, P.O. Box 800  
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4

**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Matawa First Nations in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization Matawa First Nations has worked with The Thunder Bay Police Service through the Seven Youth Inquest on a variety of issues as per the inquest report. Our First Nations Chiefs regularly meet with the Chief of the Police. Owing to the regional nature of Northwestern Ontario, many issues and concern that are faced by our First Nations have linkages to the City of Thunder Bay. The Thunder Bay Police actively works with Nishnawbe-Aski Police and the Ontario Provincial Police on joint operations that require tri-partied support in a central location. The current facility does not meet the complex demands of modern policing.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex social, local and regional issues, and that a modern-day facility will assist in improved policing. Space constraints affect service delivery issues to our members and citizen of Thunder Bay, along with employees of the service.

Matawa First Nations looks forward to working with the Thunder Bay Police Service on this new facility as well as supporting the police in various joint partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy.

Meegwetch,  
**MATAWA FIRST NATIONS MANAGEMENT**



David Paul Achneepineskum,  
Chief Executive Officer





**Anishinabe Women's  
Crisis Home & Family  
Healing Agency**

January 11, 2022

Members of Thunder Bay City Council  
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Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4

**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Campus**

Beendigen Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home & Family Healing Agency is pleased to provide this letter in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus. We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization which has a working relationship with the Thunder Bay Police to better serve the needs of Indigenous women who are victims of violence, we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped spaces to perform their essential work duties.

Beendigen Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home & Family Healing Agency is committed to supporting Thunder Bay Police Service through ongoing partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy. We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Debra Vermette  
Executive Director



Canadian Mental  
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Thunder Bay  
Mental health for all

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January 7, 2022

Members of Thunder Bay City Council  
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**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association Thunder Bay Branch in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization, CMHA works in partnership with the TBPS in the delivery of crisis response for 911 mental health calls through IMPACT (Integrated Mobile Police and Crisis Team). The CMHA Crisis staff works out of police headquarters 24/7 and as such we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees. CMHA has worked in close partnership with the service in the response, development and delivery of mobile crisis response services to our community since 2015. It is expected that this model of response will only grow as it is a recognized best practice to decriminalize mental health crisis and ensure appropriate and effective response to individuals in crisis in our community

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped spaces to perform their essential work duties.

CMHA is committed to supporting the Thunder Bay Police Service through continued partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy to address and support the needs of our community.

We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay.

In partnership,

Jennifer Hyslop, Chief Executive Officer  
CMHA-TB

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January 13, 2022

**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of NorWest Community Health Centres in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization which values the relationships that has been developed with Thunder Bay Police Services and are proud of the collaborations that have been established over the past few years. We appreciate the dedication and commitment to our community and we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped spaces to perform their essential work duties.

At NorWest Community Health Centres, we are committed to supporting Thunder Bay Police Service through ongoing partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy.

We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,



Juanita Lawson, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer  
NorWest Community Health Centres

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January 13, 2022

### **Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Salvation Army Journey to life Centre, in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped spaces to perform their essential work duties.

As an organization which works closely with Thunder Bay Police Service to provide support for our clients and staff, we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees. We sincerely commend our police officers for the work they are doing at this very difficult time and encourage resources that will assist Thunder Bay Police Service in providing enhanced supports for our community. We thank Thunder Bay Police Service as they continue to serve with professionalism and dignity in these very challenging times.

At Salvation Army Journey to life Centre, we are committed to supporting Thunder Bay Police Service through ongoing partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy.

We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Gary Ferguson  
Executive Director  
Salvation Army Journey to Life Centre



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January 14, 2022

**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Thunder Bay Counselling in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization that supports the work of the Thunder Bay Police Service and values the partnership we have created, we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped spaces to perform their essential work duties.

At Thunder Bay Counselling, we are committed to supporting Thunder Bay Police Service through ongoing partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy.

We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Nancy Chamberlain, Executive Director



## THUNDER BAY INDIGENOUS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

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January 10, 2022

**Members of Thunder Bay City Council**  
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Thunder Bay, ON  
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**Dear Members of Council:**

**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization that nurtures healing, culture, traditions and self-determination, and an agency that is strongly active in building community partnerships and capacity, we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped space to perform their essential work duties.

We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay and truly hope that City Council will consider this project a worthy investment. We look forward to continue working together and strengthening our partnership, relationship and collaboration on matters impacting Thunder Bay and the Indigenous community.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions. Meegwetch.

Sincerely,

**INDIAN YOUTH FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**

**Charlene Baglien**  
Executive Director

cc: Board of Directors



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January 14, 2022

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**Re: Letter of Support**

Dear Members of Council,

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, please accept this letter of support for Thunder Bay Police Service.

We strongly support the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As one of Thunder Bay's largest employers, we recognize the importance of having adequate facility space and resources in place to be able to adapt to our communities changing needs. Managing these complexities in a dynamic environment can be done more effectively and safely when space is able to support the essential components of these operational functions.

Together as community partners, we look forward to our continued collaboration and coordination with police services and tailoring our protocols to address complex local issues. Furthermore, we believe it is imperative that Thunder Bay Police Service employees have a safe and equipped space to perform their essential work duties.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is committed to our ongoing partnership with Thunder Bay Police Service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, HBScN, M.A., Ed.D  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre  
Chief Executive Officer  
Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is a leader in Patient and Family Centred Care and a research and teaching hospital proudly affiliated with **Lakehead University, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Confederation College.**

Le Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche, est reconnu comme un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services aux patients et aux familles et est fier de son affiliation à l'**université Lakehead, à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario et au collège Confédération.**

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January 7, 2022

**Re: Letter of Support for a New Thunder Bay Police Campus**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Thunder Bay Multicultural Association in support of the funding request for a new Thunder Bay Police Service campus.

We strongly support the request for funding and the need to invest in local infrastructure to better serve the safety, health and wellness needs of our diverse community.

As an organization which partners with TBPS in many programs, training and for service throughout the year, we recognize the significant facility and resource constraints facing the Thunder Bay Police Service and its employees.

We understand the need for new policing approaches to address complex local issues, and that a modern-day facility is an important component of an improved policing strategy. Furthermore, we believe that Thunder Bay Police Service employees deserve safe and adequately equipped spaces to perform their essential work duties.

At TBMA we are committed to supporting Thunder Bay Police Service through ongoing partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy.

We support policing transformation for Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Cathy Woodbeck, Executive Director