

Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley

6544 New Dublin Road RR #2 Addison, ON K0E 1A0 (613) 345-7480

July 18, 2023

Campus Habitations Attn: Raffaele Freddi

Dear Raffaele & the Campus Habitations Team;

I am thrilled to advise that Council of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley unanimously adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on July 17, 2023.

Resolution No. 197-23

**WHEREAS**, finding a place to live is a struggle for many due to low vacancy rates, limited supply and an insufficient mix of housing options;

**AND WHEREAS**, the costs of ownership and rental rates are rising much faster than incomes and people who are precariously housed are in desperate need of a viable solution;

**AND WHEREAS**, local employers are struggling to fill positions with qualified candidates due to the lack of housing availability;

**AND WHERAES**, the basic underlying principle of 'housing first' is that people are better able to move forward with their lives if they are first housed;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley acknowledges that bold action and leadership are required to address the housing crisis locally, provincially and nationally;

**AND WHEREAS**, in April 2023, the Township published a Request for Proposal (RFP) for creation of a Master Plan for Rows Corners Fairgrounds for development of a cohesive and holistic vision for the 30-acre parcel of municipally owned lands located at 3823 County Road 6;

**AND WHEREAS**, the RFP specified that the Township, would consider alternative approaches and outcomes, where a proponent feels these would better meet the purpose of the project;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Rows Corners Master Plan RFP submission deadline concluded on May 24, 2023, with Council having identified a preferred direction with one proponent who submitted an alternate proposal; offering a more immediate and creative solution for the lands, involving cohesive local partnerships and having regard for the deep recreational roots of the property;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley authorize staff to proceed with further discussions, vetting and proper due diligence with the preferred proponent and report back to Council at the next appropriate meeting.

On behalf of the Township, we look forward to working with you towards ensuring this exciting opportunity develops not only in line with your vision, but in support of the community needs.

Respectfully,

Leslie Drynan

Chief Administrative Officer