

January 24th, 2018

Cheryl Dilon C/O City of Barrie Accessibility Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Dilon,

Thank you for considering our presentation to become an accredited member agency of Independent Living Canada.

The Barrie Community Wholeness Centre (CWC) founded in January 2014 is located in the heart of downtown Barrie at 59 Maple Avenue. We are a grassroots organization solely run by volunteers. With over 150,000 volunteer hours our purpose has been to provide an Inclusive Resource Centre, including breaking down social barriers, eliminating isolation, climatizing, jumpstarting, training and developing individuals living on fixed incomes, and supporting any individual on their journey to self directed rehabilitation due to physical disabilities, cognitive disabilities, mental Illness, social Isolation and social barriers.

Since July 2017 our focus has been meeting the accreditation criteria needed by Independent Living Canada and is now looking at the Accessibility Advisory Committee to support us in the following manner:

- 1. Endorsing our project of completing a feasibility study and strategic plan
- 2. Bringing your endorsement to City Council for their support
- 3. Assisting us with finding 3 Board Members with disabilities to meet the 51% of Board Members needing to have a disability
- Get a letter of support to include in our Trillium Seed Grant Application due February 22nd, 2018.

Thank you again for your time, we look forward to your support and building a positive relationship with the accessibility department and advisory committee/

With Much Regards,

Yolanda Gallo Executive Director Allister Mills Chair of the Board