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To: CityClerks

Cc: Rose Romita; Stephen Naylor

Subject: Municipally initiated amendment to Zoning By-Law 2009-141 (March 7, 2016 Public Meeting)

Good afternoon,

Please find below my comments in regards to the municipally initiated amendment to Zoning By-law 2009-141, particularly with respect to the proposed changes to the existing Crisis Care Facility provisions, as I understand this proposal will be reviewed at a Public Meeting on March 7, 2016.

I wanted to express my support for the proposed elimination of all reference to the requirement for a 300m minimum separation distance that is currently applicable to Crisis Care Facilities. However, I do not support maintaining the 300m minimum separation distance for Social Services Facilities located in residential zones, as I am concerned that this is discriminatory and represents "people zoning" instead of legitimate planning rationale.

As a resident of Ward 2, my neighbourhood will be impacted by the proposed zoning changes. While I understand the need to properly site potentially sensitive land uses, I want to ensure that all members of my community, including those who are particularly vulnerable, are able to access the services that they need, and are not subject to systemic discrimination.

If the permitted uses included under the "new" Social Services Facilities definition are no longer primarily for accomodation/residential uses, and this is the justification for placing limitations on how they can be located in residential zones, then there must be a better way to direct these services to more appropriate, "desirable" places than through the exclusionary method currently being proposed. Otherwise, the 300m minimum separation distance requirement comes across as discriminatory and based on the presumed characteristics of the *people* who will be using Social Service Facilities, and not on the use of the land/buildings.

Respectfully,

Shelby White