



## REPORT

**TO:** Mayor Caul & Council

**FROM:** Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

**DATE:** January 31, 2019

**RE:** Request from J. Petrin, Fort Frances Homeless Committee - use of East End Hall

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### Preamble

At the regular meeting of Council on January 28, 2019, Council referred the attached request from J. Petrin, Fort Frances Homeless Committee to Community Services with input from the Planning & Development Executive Committee.

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, T. Dennis and J. Kabel met with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) staff members J. Petrin and Sandra Weir on location at the East End Hall to discuss the viability of using that facility in some facet regarding their request to help the homeless. It was determined that there was some more information gathering prior to the discussion at the Community Services Executive Committee.

It was later determined and reported that RRDSSAB may have an alternate venue to consider in a better location than the East End Hall.

### Recommendation

Mayor J. Caul took initiative to assist the Homeless Committee to find an alternate location that will serve the needs of the community that will preclude the need for their request to be considered further by Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Kabel

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January 21, 2019

Attention: Jason Kabel  
Community Services Manager – Town of Fort Frances  
740 Scott Street  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 1H8

Dear Mr. Kabel,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Fort Frances Homeless Committee, a committee comprised of front-line service providers of non-profit agencies spanning social services, employment, legal, and health care sectors. This committee is dedicated to finding solutions to homelessness in our district and has been working toward strengthening social supports as well as looking for immediate and preventative solutions.

As you may be aware, our committee has been working on opening a pop-up shelter in Fort Frances and has made great strides toward this goal. Unfortunately, the anticipated location of the shelter the committee was looking to use for a shelter space has become unfeasible for the committee, considering factors such as cost and time. We are urgently seeking a space at this time.

We are requesting use of the East End Hall to utilize as a temporary shelter space so that the committee can continue its efforts to secure a more permanent and appropriate space. The committee's long-term goal continues to be to secure a location that offers both a shelter space and transitional units to provide a path out of homelessness. The shelter will be staffed at all times by two people who have appropriate education and/or experience to oversee those accessing the pop-up shelter.

The committee is seeking a space for the months of February-April, 2019. The specific dates are dependent upon availability of space, as well as the staff being trained in order to open.

I can be reached at (807) 274-5349 ext. 248 or [jpetrin@rrdssab.on.ca](mailto:jpetrin@rrdssab.on.ca) to speak further. Thank you for your time.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie Petrin".

Jamie Petrin  
Chair, Fort Frances Homeless Committee