



February 15, 2019

Mayor and Council
City of Kelowna
1435 Water Street
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4

Re: Central Okanagan Journey Home Society

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS) is now operational and is engaging in the community to execute the Journey Home Strategy that Mayor and Council approved in June of 2018.

We have a board that is active, engaged and excited to implement this plan to end homelessness in our city, and beyond that, pull the community together in a new way. We recognize and appreciate the City for its willingness to partner with us and do things in ways that they have not done before. It is uncharted territory.

We would like to build upon this important relationship by inviting Kelowna City Council to provide a liaison to the COJHS board. It is imperative to have strong ties to Council and for you to have a representative at our board gives you first-hand information about our progress, and the opportunity to participate in how we execute this plan.

Our meetings will be held monthly, and additionally, there may be subcommittee meetings and community events to attend based upon interest and availability of each board member and representative.

This is history in the making and we think that Council's presence via a liaison of your choosing will complement the distinct board we already have, including having a genuine voting representative from the Lived Experience Circle on Homelessness (LECoH) and Youth Advocates for Housing (YAFH).

We are committed to this extremely important and very complicated work. We feel strongly that by having a liaison on our board, Council will benefit from the knowledge and expertise around our board table and indeed be able to contribute in a valuable way.

We are excited to work with you! Please let us know what other information you require to be able to make a decision about this.

Thank you for considering our request and we look forward to your response,

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Dr. Kyleen Myrah
Board Chair

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Gaelene Askeland
Executive Director