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Subject: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) RE: By-Law Number 000-2024: Emergency Shelter License

Dear Members of Staff and Council,

We hope this communication finds you well. We understand that on the agenda for tonight's meeting of Council is a discussion of a proposed by-law to impose a licensing system on emergency shelters in Cobourg. Transition House stands to be directly impacted by this by-law; however, neither our organization nor its representatives have been approached for consultation by Council members or staff regarding its specifics. Given this, we strongly urge Council to delay a decision relating to the licensing by-law until we have had an opportunity to consult. Furthermore, if the by-law were to be implemented immediately, Transition House's operations would be significantly jeopardized. The implementation of a licensing system for emergency shelters in this community will have far-reaching implications and it would be fundamentally unjust to deny Transition House the chance to voice our concerns on this critical issue.

Kind regards,

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