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**Subject:** New Online Delegation Form submission from Melissa Shulga  
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**Your Worship, Mayor Konrad, and Members of Council, I/We are here this evening on behalf of:**

Whispers of Hope Benevolence Association

**To request that you consider:**

rescinding the 6 month eviction notice for 7212 Riverside Drive.

**The reasons that I/We are requesting this action are:**

to prevent any closures or stop of services; many factors are currently preventing a smooth relocation within the given time frame.

**I/We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by:**

having access to the Community Kitchen and free meals throughout the week. Thrift store would remain open to receive and process donations, to keep items from unnecessarily ending up in the landfill, and continue to generate revenue for our wages and charitable efforts. This would also allow our neighbours BETHS, the extreme weather shelter, the ability to finish their season and offer shelter to those who would be put out on the streets otherwise. This would allow us the ability to successfully relocate without a stop to service and without displacing existing/operating businesses.

**I/We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:**

a closure of the facility and (as temporary as possible) stop of services to vulnerable members of the community. This may leave people desperate and add stress to other supporting agencies or citizens who are not prepared (ex. access to public washrooms, food, public phone, personal hygiene products & beds and shower access through BETHS). Our facility also offers a gathering place for people to meet, network, find friendship or support, receive work experience and training, provide community service hours, seek other support agencies, or just plain come to socialize; a closure would have a negative effect on everyone who participates, especially those suffering from mental health illnesses.

**In conclusion, I/we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks adopt a resolution stating:**

the notice of eviction of 7212 Riverside Drive for Feb. 10th 2018 be retracted, allowing occupation until June 2018 as stated in the original lease agreement. We also ask that city council consider renewing and renegotiating a new lease agreement for the property, until an appropriate location for our operations can be ascertained.

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