


**TSW PRESENTATION TO KITIMAT COUNCIL**

**17 DECEMBER 2018**



## Tamitik Status of Women

*Committed to promoting a healthy community by offering ongoing support, education, and opportunities while prioritizing equality and safety.*

## About TSW

- Not for profit, charitable organization formed in 1976
- TSW is the centre of excellence in Kitchener with respect to prevention of violence in our community
- Our clients consist of all ethnicities, races, ages, and social statuses

## TSW Current Programs & Services

- Children's Counselling (Discovering Healthy Relationships)
- Community Response Network
- Community Vitality Index - partnership with the University of Guelph & Haisela Nation
- Dunmore Place, Transition House
  - Children's Program
- Homeless Prevention Program
- Interagency Case Assessment Team
- Organizing Against Hate and Racism
- Outreach and Supportive Counsellor
- Second Stage Transitional Housing
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Support Services UP
  - Angel Tree - Christmas gift program
  - Baby Needs - diapers, formula, etc.
  - Food Share
  - Free Store
  - Furniture Program
  - Harm Reduction
  - Individual and Family Hygiene
  - Recreation Passes
  - School Supplies
- Violence is Preventable
- Women's Counselling

## The Project

Housing prioritized for women and their children, and consolidation of all TSW programs and services.

## Project partners




BC Housing provides partnership with the private and non-profit sectors, governmental bodies and academia, a wide range of government and community groups to develop a range of housing options for BC's diverse and growing population. On August 21, 2018, the province announced the creation of a BC government-led partnership to provide up to \$100 million for affordable housing for TSW and provide social housing for the same purpose. The project will be funded through the Province's Building BC Women's Transition Housing Fund. A \$10 million contribution supports the construction of 100 spaces to increase and second stage housing for women and children facing violence.

Terra Housing provides development management services to TSW for the project. Terra provides the Social Purpose Facility. The value added development is provided to the transition housing facility. Terra uses its own design and development expertise to make progress with 10 year experience. 100 projects with more than 10,000 units completed for the development. The project will be designed in multiple phases 10 construction services BC to complete and administration.

**Site Mission**

- TSW approach of care will establish and maintain a safe and supportive environment for women and children. The project will provide a safe and supportive environment for women and children.
- Social Purpose Facility will be a key component of the project. Social Purpose Facility will be a key component of the project.
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**Project Details**

- Established in 1976, Women's Status of Women has established a tradition of excellence in service to our diverse community in the Kitchener-Caledonia. We have been a leading provider of services for over 40 years. We have a reputation for providing services through the process of social justice and development.



### Current Program & Service Locations

Consolidation of services to one location to improve ease of access for clients, and efficiency for TSW

Address	Program
	Main Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration</li> <li>Women's Counselling</li> <li>Children's Counselling</li> <li>Outreach / Supportive Counselling</li> <li>Sexual Assault Response Team</li> <li>Organizational Agn. Review &amp; Eval.</li> <li>Community Viability Index</li> <li>Interagency Case Assessment Team</li> <li>SSUP - Furniture Exchange Administration</li> </ul>
330-370 City Centre	SSUP - Free Store
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225 Enterprise Ave	SSUP - Furniture Exchange Storage
480 City Centre	4 units of Second Stage Housing
Confidential Address	Kitima! Transition House (Via Donmore Place)

### Housing Transition House

**14 bed Transition House:** Mix of 1 & 2 bedrooms, 1 accessible bedroom, mixed accessibility kitchen

- Transition Houses provide short term shelter and related support services to women, children, and youth who have experienced or are at risk of violence
- Temporary shelter and support to enable women to make decisions about their future
- Staffed 24 hrs per day, 7 days per week
- Our current Transition House has funding for 8 beds, which was at or over capacity for 202 nights during 2014, the height of Kitima!'s last boom cycle
  - The Province has committed to funding 12 beds.
  - We are actively working with our BC Housing Program Manager on an application to increase our bed allotment and funding to 14 beds.

### Transition House Women seeking shelter

**Kitima! Transition House**  
Annual Number of Nights Sought (2010-2017)

**Local Economy & Kitima! Transition House**  
Annual Average Evening Shelters Per 1000 Residents

Feb 2008: 140, Feb 2009: 145, Feb 2010: 150, Feb 2011: 155, Feb 2012: 160, Feb 2013: 165, Feb 2014: 170, Feb 2015: 175, Feb 2016: 180, Feb 2017: 180  
 Kitima! Transition House: 180 (2010-2017)

### Housing Second Stage

**10 Units for Second Stage Housing:** Mix of studio, 1 & 2 bedroom units, 4 accessible

- Our current 4 units at Douglas Place are a temporary measure provided by BC Housing until we complete the build of this project
- Second stage housing assists women who have experienced violence make plans for independent living.
- Offers women, children and youth, secure, affordable housing for 3 to 24 months
- Second stage programming provides more than a shelter and safe home, it also provides a range of services for women, including skills development for education, employment, life skills (ex. financial literacy and budgeting etc.), parenting skills, etc.
- Women with or without children who leave the Transition House, and do not have the skill set to maintain long-term independent housing without assistance can be referred to Second Stage, and eventually move on to affordable housing with minimal supports.

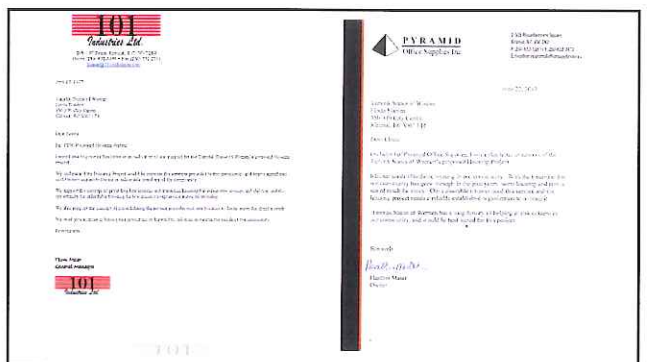
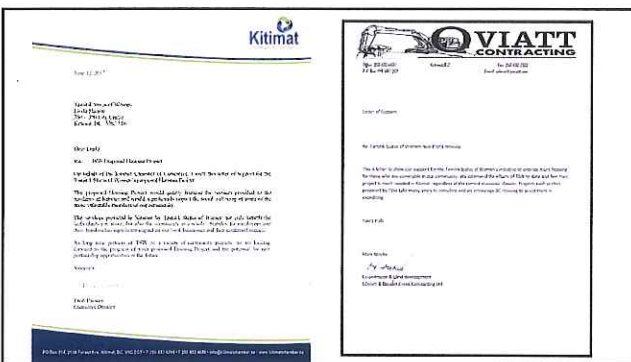
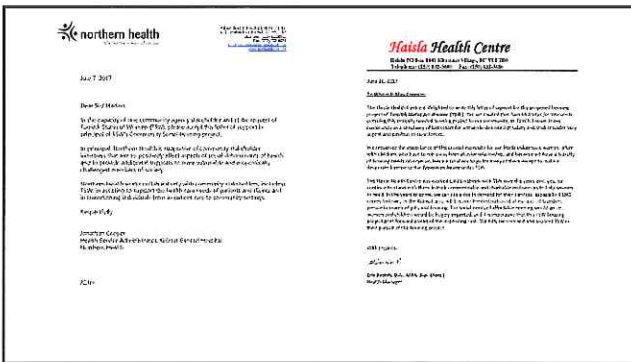
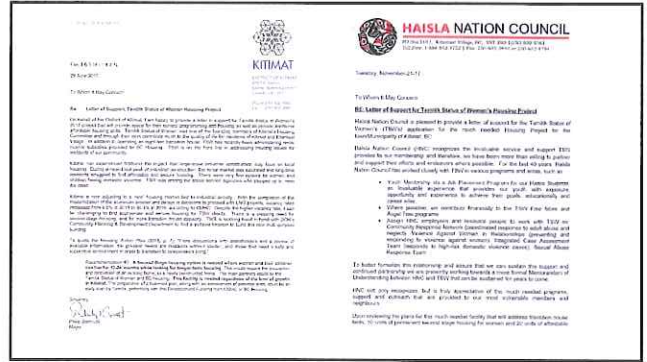
### Housing Affordable

**20 units of longer term affordable housing:** Mix of studio, 1 & 2 bedroom units, 8 accessible

- Housing provided for low-income individuals and families
- Priority will be given to women and their children
- All lease holders will be women with or without children
  - A minimal number of women may have a long-term male partner co-habiting with them. These families will be screened, and will have no history of violence

### Housing Common Space & Employment Training

- Included in our development plan is a commercial-like kitchen that is attached to a community room.
- As part of BC Housing development requirements, a common space for residents is required in any housing project.
- The communal space will be available for tenants to host private functions, such as children's birthday parties, and will enable TSW to organizational meetings and host events, such as Women's Group



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**Letter of Support for TBH Housing Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Board of Directors of Kithmat Community Services Society, are pleased to support the TBH Housing Project. This project is a vital component of the TBH Housing Program, which is designed to provide safe and affordable housing for women and their children who are experiencing homelessness.

The TBH Housing Program is a multi-phase project that is currently in the planning and construction stages. The TBH Housing Program is a multi-phase project that is currently in the planning and construction stages. The TBH Housing Program is a multi-phase project that is currently in the planning and construction stages.

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**Kithmat Intergenerational Committee**

**Letter of Support to Tamórk Stataw of Women's Housing Initiative**

June 20, 2017


Tamórk Stataw is a talented young actor and member of the Kithmat Intergenerational Committee. Her talent and leadership skills are a valuable asset to the community. We are pleased to support her efforts in the Women's Housing Initiative.

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*Lee Brown*  
 Vice Chair

**Questions?**



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Concept drawing as of August 2017

"This project is primarily designed with one goal - to ensure that women fleeing violence don't result in poverty or homelessness. When we help women access the housing they need, we are doing more than putting a roof over their head - we are helping lay the groundwork for broader social and economic success."

**Izida Glaske, Executive Director, Tamórk Stataw of Women**