

14 November 2017

Councillor Mathieu Fleury
Councillor Jan Harder, Chair, Planning Committee
Members of the Planning Committee
City of Ottawa City Hall
110 Laurier Ave W
Ottawa ON

RE: Planning Committee meeting November 14, Agenda item 3: Official plan amendment and zoning by Law amendment : 325, 327, and 333 Montreal Road, 334 Montfort Street and 273 Ste. Anne Ave

Dear Councillor Fleury, Councillor Harder, and members of the Planning Committee,

We are writing regarding agenda item three for a zoning by-law amendment. The Lowertown Community Association supports the Vanier Community Association and Overbrook Community Association in opposing the Salvation Army shelter proposal for 333 Montreal Road.

The proposal is **inconsistent with the City of Ottawa's own homelessness strategy** and "Ten Year Plan" (<https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/social-services/housing>) which identifies Housing first as a key priority and targets a "40% savings in the funding to emergency shelters by 2024."

Housing and supports are proven to have **better outcomes** for homeless individuals (it's also less expensive).

Relocating an emergency shelter to another neighbourhood **does not address the issues** with homelessness in our city, nor within the Salvation Army's approach or effectiveness.

We encourage you to oppose the amendments to the official plan and zoning bylaw that would permit the shelter complex proposal to proceed. We encourage you to redouble efforts to implement the Ten Year Plan which commits the City of Ottawa to a "Housing First" model.

Sincerely,



Liz Bernstein
President
Lowertown Community Association

CC: MP Mona Fortier
MPP Nathalie des Rosiers
Lauren Touchant, Vanier Community Association
Rawlson King, Overbrook Community Association