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Mayor Chow and Scarborough Councillors,

Cliffcrest Scarborough Village Residents Association (CSVSWRA) writes to you today with empathy and support of our Neighbours, Agincourt Village Community Association with regards to the Delta Hotel.

We echo the concerns raised with regards to the lack of support and safety for the residents of the Delta Hotel, the impact it has had on surrounding businesses and community, the alarming increase in crime and most concerning was learning that there is no plan to decommission.

It was shocking to learn the following:

- “According to Public Health the maximum number in a single shelter should be no more than 60. The Delta Shelter is almost 7 times over that maximum number.” Why was safety to the residents of the Delta and the community put at risk, risk assessment should be part of all decisions made when establishing supports in our communities.
- “That 1200 people in the Shelter system being housed in hotels - 400 are in The Delta. One third are in Scarborough.” Why is it not being spread out equally across the GTA?
- “Estimated costs of housing a resident at a “Hotel Shelter” is approximately \$250.00 per day. That translates to an estimated total of \$91, 250 per year per person. Multiply that by the 400 people, residing at The Delta – then there is the rest of the GTA! That represents \$36.5 Million taxpayers’ dollars per year.”
- With the recent budget discussions our residents are concerned how much more of our tax dollars are not being used efficiently.

We all know:

- That Scarborough is well-known for its diverse and distinctive neighbourhoods, many of which are ethno-specific communities of identity.
- That we must acknowledge also, “undercoverage challenges” in Scarborough where more than half of Scarborough’s population consists of new Canadians and permanent residents and who are less inclined to complete a census than other residents.
- These facts bring more urgency for the need to address the **many years of under investment in Scarborough.**

Scarborough needs our leaders to look at the Delta Hotel as a lesson learned:

- Immediately, there should be an exit strategy developed with real supports put in place for the residents of the Delta Hotel, and the **Delta Hotel Shelter Lease should not be renewed.**
- Long term, we must ensure Scarborough’s “voice” is heard and we must begin to put plans in place that will bring the much-needed community social and physical infrastructure to ALL of Scarborough.

We look forward to learning about next steps for the Delta Hotel and future initiatives for Scarborough.

Sincerely,

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