

ALDERSHOT LIONS CLUB



c/o 4-864 Drury Lane Burlington, Ontario Canada L7R 2Y4

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November 12, 2018

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Burlington
426 Brant Street
Burlington, Ontario
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Attention: City Clerk

Your Worship and Members of Council

**RE: Letter of Support - National Homes (Brant) Inc.
2100 Brant Street, Burlington, Ontario
Planning Application Numbers 505-03/17, 510-02/17 and 520-10/17**

On behalf of the Aldershot Lions Club, we would like to recognize and appreciate the ongoing support our Club has received from National Homes over the past couple of years. The financial support that National Homes has provided to us has directly contributed towards the following causes:

Compassion Society of Halton Last month, our Club was called upon by the Compassion Society to help them through a very difficult financial situation. Our Club responded with a significant donation; made possible by funds raised during several monthly Garage Sales held in empty store fronts owned by National Homes. We also recognize that National Homes provides the Compassion Society with floor and office space at reduced rates.

Aldershot Lions Annual Children's Christmas Party This year's Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 15, 2018 at St. Matthews Church. We are planning to host 80 low income children and their families from our community. Children are selected by the local schools (Public and Catholic) and invited by their principals to attend the party. Activities include, arts and crafts, dancing (DJ), cupcake decorating, police car and fire truck tours, magic show and of course a sit down with Santa Clause. Each child leaves with a wrapped gift and a loot bag.

Guide Dog training Given our Garage Sale success, early next year we will be donating funds to train and place a service guide dog within our community.

Aldershot Public School We are happy to be able to continue and extend our support to students of low income families that otherwise would not be able to participate in end of year school trips.

Lions Camp Dorset This year we have the funds available to donate to Camp Dorset – a Lions funded Camp with onsite dialysis. This camp enables families to enjoy a vacation away with ongoing dialysis access.

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Wellsprings Again this year, we plan to donate the food and do the BBQing for cancer patients and their families during the annual Wellsprings Summer BBQ. Many families attend this event at Wellsprings and we look forward to next summer's BBQ.

Families in Need Fund We now have funds available to set aside and support the many "one-off" requests we receive each year. These requests come directly from the Burlington / Aldershot community and cover a wide range of needs.

ALDERFEST Our Club is a founding sponsor of ALDERFEST. Over the past 5 years this free event has grown from 100 attendees to over 800. The driving force behind ALDERFEST is to fund a yearly community event in Bolus Parkette (George Bolus was a past member of our Club and the inspiration behind the parkette) for the Warick Surrey Community. The success of ALDERFEST has caused the budget to grow beyond our Club's ability. Seeing the need, National Homes signed on as one of the leading sponsors.

National Homes has given extensive support to charities, groups and causes that are directly impacting our community. The Aldershot Lions Club's ability to continue to support and serve the community is a direct result of National Homes understanding that wonderful communities are more than just 'bricks and mortar' – they are families, causes and needs that require time, resources and support. Thank you National Homes for stepping up and stepping into our community.

We encourage your Worship and Members of Council to support this planning application. Developments such as 2100 Brant Street provide opportunities for new residents to join, contribute and grow our wonderful community.

Yours truly,

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Secretary, Aldershot Lions Club