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Corporation of the City of  
Sault Ste. Marie

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Director under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
Licensing and Policy Branch  
1075 Bay Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M5S 2B1

To Whom It May Concern,

**Subject: Mauno Kaihla Koti Redevelopment Application – Project # 17-027**

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is pleased to support the Ontario Finnish Resthome Association's application to redevelop Mauno Kaihla Koti (MKK), a 60-bed Long Term Care Home located in our City to make it fit for the future and to meet the needs of residents and their families, and to comply with current standards.

For your ease of reference, I am attaching a resolution of support passed by Sault Ste. Marie City Council at our meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 reiterating our support for the proposed redevelopment of MKK.

MKK was built in 1991 it is my understanding that the building no longer meets present-day standards as set out by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The majority of beds within the facility are located in shared accommodations, which significantly impacts the privacy and dignity of residents. Overall, space is extremely limited for both residents and visitors alike, making a home-like environment very difficult to achieve.

As envisioned by the Ontario Finnish Resthome Association, the redeveloped MKK building will offer residents increased privacy and comfort, dedicated Palliative Care space and amenities, and additional space for social and recreational activities. Overall, the redevelopment will enhance the quality of care provided to residents, including those afflicted with Alzheimer's and other dementias, while continuing to provide a setting rich in Finnish culture and traditions.

For all of the above-noted reasons, I am pleased to offer my support and the support of Sault Ste. Marie City Council to the Ontario Finnish Resthome Association's application and I strongly encourage you to approve it.

Sincerely,

Christian Provenzano, Mayor