

**To the Planning & Building Department, City of Mississauga
Letter in support of building application at 887 Hydro Road BP 3NEW 23-6714**

April 2024



To Whom It May Concern,

Frog in Hand is an incorporated not-for-profit with a 10 year track record of artistic excellence. We receive operating funding from the City of Mississauga to create and share unforgettable arts experiences. We are the only arts organization of our kind in Ontario. The structure we have installed at 887 Hydro Road, "The Art Shelter," is our rehearsal and creation space. There is a staggering lack of affordable creative space in Ontario, and we are first responders to this crisis. Indeed, the Art Shelter is our response. It will provide necessary infrastructure to allow the arts in Mississauga to adapt and continue. The dome opened on November 25th, 2023.

This temporary shelter is intended for use as an arts incubation hub. It is absolutely not a theatre - as such there will be no performances in the dome. Use will be year-round, for short term rehearsals. Our timeline is limited - as our lease states clearly that once development starts on the property, the dome will be removed.

As this temporary structure is being treated as per our approved SPAX as fairground use, we will be providing on site portable washrooms as needed for short term uses. The use of the proposed rehearsal dome will be on a temporary basis. There will be occasional year-round use during the existence of the structures. Winter use while possible, will not be a common occurrence as there will be no heat or electricity provided to the dome. Based on the current definitions in the development charges (DC) by-law, the dome and storage containers are required to pay development charges. Frog in Hand is requesting a deferral of the development charges until December 31, 2035.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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