

# Clarification for Certificate of Occupancy - Stay the Night Program

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# Background on 280 Britannia Rd E

- Our emergency Stay The Night program serves women (16+) struggling with homelessness, domestic violence, abuse, mental health, human trafficking, drug addiction, etc.
- It is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- To date, over 9000 women have accessed and benefitted from these services

# Process of Obtaining Certificate of Occupancy

- **Stay the Night Program** at 280 Britannia (under Ward 5) funded by the Region of Peel & Government of Canada through '**Reaching Home**'
- Application submitted **November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- Countless back and forth with the mayor's office
- No updates until **December, 2024**
- Found out the application had been approved in **March, 2024** (Resolution 0052-2024) – we were not notified for 9 months

# Key Concerns

- **Incorrect Zoning Labels** – city has classified us as "transitional housing" instead of "emergency services"
- **Scope of Services Misrepresented** - city has limited our service scope to refugees or "asylum claimants" while our program serves all disadvantaged women 16+ regardless of immigration status, background, or demographic.
- **Impact on Funding** - Misclassification limits access to appropriate regional funding.

# Zoning Certificate

## ZONING CERTIFICATE

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City of Mississauga  
Planning and Building Department  
300 City Centre Drive  
MISSISSAUGA, ON L5B 3C1  
TEL: 311 or 905-615-4311

Address of Property: **280 BRITANNIA RD E**

Bldg No.

Unit No.

Name of Business: **SacredHand Canada**

Permitted Use: **Essential Emergency Service**

Comments: **C/R: BP 24-2875**

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

As of the date of this Certificate the use as indicated above is permitted under the zoning of the subject property. This certificate does not constitute any indication of compliance with the BUILDING CODE ACT. A Building Permit may be required for interior alterations and/ or change of use permit.

This Zoning Certificate is deemed to be a Certificate of Occupancy as provided for under the City of Mississauga's Zoning by-laws. The issuance of this certificate does not constitute authority to occupy prior to compliance with all other Municipal, Regional, Provincial or Federal legislation. It is the responsibility of the owner/ occupant/ applicant to obtain all necessary approvals.

Authorized By

Sandra Morrison, Zoning Administrator, Building Division

Date 2024-12-12

Per



# Resolution passed by the Council



RESOLUTION NO.: 0052-2024 Page 1 of 1

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: [Signature]

Seconded by: [Signature]

WHEREAS temporary emergency shelter for asylum claimants aids as a vital bridge for individuals and families in transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing, offering crucial services such as case management, counselling, and training; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Region of Peel passed a Resolution on February 22, 2024 declaring the provision of shelter and support services for asylum claimants to be an essential emergency service within the Region of Peel and directed Regional staff to establish and operate reception centres to be used for the temporary processing, housing, and support of asylum claimants; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Mississauga wishes to extend the Regional Housing resolution to include the operation of shelter and support services locations by third-party organizations that are confirmed by the Region of Peel in co-ordination with the respective ward councillor, to be operating as an extension of the Region's emergency housing program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Council declares the provision of shelter and support services for asylum claimants by third-party organizations operating as an extension of the Region of Peel's emergency housing program an essential emergency service within the City of Mississauga.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councillor S. Dasko	✓			
Councillor A. Tedjo	✓			
Councillor C. Fonseca	✓			
Councillor J. Kovac	✓			
Councillor J. Horneck	✓			
Councillor D. Damerla	✓			
Councillor M. Mahoney	✓			
Councillor M. Reid	✓			
Councillor S. McFadden			✓	
Councillor B. Butt	✓			

Carried  
[Signature]  
Acting Mayor

# From Peel Region's Website

peelregion.ca/housing-social-support/homeless-support/drop-homeless-support-programs

## Stay the night programs

Providing overnight beds, meals, showers, laundry, and basic needs to support people experiencing homelessness.

### Sacredhand Canada

[280 Britannia Road E., Mississauga](#)

Beyond four walls: embracing the homeless, one safe haven at a time. Offering women 16 years or older experiencing homelessness a safe and warm place to sleep during the cold winter months.

Program runs 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Services include:

- A warm, clean bed
- Dinner, snacks, and breakfast
- Showers and washrooms
- Laundry, towels, and toiletries

Call 905-624-0333 for referrals and information.

# How can you help us?

- Amend 280 Britannia Rd E's Occupancy Certificate permanently so it does not limit the scope of who we can provide services to
- Standardize processes to prevent similar issues for us and other organizations



# Thank You

Happy to answer any questions you may have.