

24 August, 2011

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St. Joseph's Children's Centre
2326 Brunswick Street, Lower Level
Halifax NS
B3K 2Z3

**RE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S CENTRE TEMPORARY LEASE EXTENSION
2326 BRUNSWICK STREET, HALIFAX**

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request to Halifax Regional Municipality to allow St. Joseph's Children's Centre to remain at the above noted location has been referred to me by the Chief Administrative Office for review and response.

We appreciate, following your notice to vacate from the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) in March 2011, you have experienced some challenges and delays in securing alternative space for your centralized commercial kitchen facility housed at Brunswick Street. We understand this facility supports your various daycare locations throughout the city. Recognizing this challenge we subsequently collaborated with the HRSB to extend your Lease through to September 4th 2011, the date the Municipality takes possession of the building.

This property, in its current state, is a significant financial liability for HRM that we can not sustain, however the property is a significant opportunity site within the urban core for transformational development. In order for the process to move forward we cannot place encumbrances, such as leases, on the property that conflict with redevelopment and/or adaptive reuse strategies.

As you are aware the submission deadline for our current Request for Proposal process for the purchase of the property closes on August 26, 2011. We also understand that you will be represented as a component of the development in a number of proponent proposals.

Appreciating the logistics of the matter and in an effort to assist you as best we can we are prepared to offer a one time hold over period to December 1, 2011 with no permitted extension beyond that date. It should be noted that your previous Lease with the HRSB is a less than market value arrangement and under our Municipal Charter we are legislatively not able to offer the same terms. During the temporary hold over period we will be seeking your past rate plus a proportionate share of utilities costs and other reasonable operating costs.

If you are in agreement with the above arrangement I would ask that you please acknowledge without delay and we will prepare the necessary documents with respect to the final hold over period.

Please feel free to contact me at if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Peter Stickings, Manager
Real Estate & Facility Services

cc. Mayor Kelly
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

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