

Huronia Transition Homes



...working to end all violence against all women

...travailler pour mettre fin à la violence contre toutes les femmes

March 5, 2018

Re: Letter of Reference – Bertram Construction

To Whom It May Concern:

Huronia Transition Homes (HTH) is the owner of Operation Grow, a social enterprise holistically designed to address poverty, food scarcity, de-skilling, isolation and the impacts of trauma for women with a lived experience of violence. Essential to Operation Grow is a vertical farm which will train and employ women at a living wage. The program is self-sustainable through the revenues generated by produce sales!

HTH became involved with Bertram Construction in early 2017 as the successful contractor for our facility in Midland, Ontario. Bertram's professionalism and commitment to the project began immediately, as they worked closely with our designers to assist in reducing the project costs through value engineering.

The project consisted of converting a concrete structure (two levels) from an old abandoned LCBO building, into Operation Grow. There were many changes to the structure, including allowance for an elevator, and refurbishment of the complete facility. Our farm encompasses a large portion of the main floor, and a commercial kitchen and offices round out this area. The old storage area in the basement was transformed to meeting rooms, yoga studio, washrooms and shower facilities and laundry. The renovation also included new façade and landscaping. Throughout the entirety of the project, the Bertram team ensured the site was in impeccable condition.

La Maison
Rosewood Shelter
(705) 526-3221
Fax (705) 526-0343

Athena's...
*Sexual Assault Counselling
& Advocacy Centre*
(705) 737-2884
Fax (705) 737-4071

Choices for Children
Choix pour enfants
(705) 526-3221
Fax (705) 526-0343

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Since our initial meeting, Bertram's team was professional, responsive, courteous and caring. Although our project was small in scale, it was a complex build. The Bertram team worked as a whole to ensure deadlines and schedules were met, and to immediately overcome all issues that arose with the renovation of an older concrete building.

Since occupancy, Bertram has continued to work with our staff through unforeseen challenges in mixing mechanical systems with vertical farm operations. The Bertram team has the construction knowledge, care and communication skills necessary to build confidently. It is without hesitation that I recommend Bertram Construction for your building needs.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy Willis', with a stylized, cursive style.

Kathy Willis
Executive Director