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By email: anna@feministlegal.org

Dear Anna

Re: Feminist Legal Clinic (FLC) Accommodation Grants Program tenancy

I note that, due to technical difficulties, our scheduled meeting on 16 December was cut short by mutual agreement. I also note that we agreed that I would send a letter by email instead.

The City's position remains that we are very supportive of the FLC's much needed and appreciated community legal work, and that we see this service as wholly separate from our concerns about some items on the FLC's website.

The purpose of our meeting was to give FLC an opportunity to work through a couple of examples of material from the FLC website in line with the City's expectation that FLC will ensure that published material:

- is not associated with the operation of its legal practice; or
- is not balanced and based on empirical research and data; or
- could objectively be considered to incite hatred towards, serious contempt for or severe ridicule towards any person or group of persons; or
- is not respectable discourse.

In the absence of our meeting on 16 December, the City urges FLC to review all published material and ensure that any material that may cause a breach of FLC's licence is removed.

The City continues to review FLC's website on an ongoing basis and has made repeated requests that FLC remove contentious material. It is acknowledged that most of the more recent material posted on the FLC website appears to be reproduction of media reports constituting fair reporting of these issues. The City believes that this demonstrates your awareness and appreciation of the issues we have raised.

While we do not raise any issues with the recently published material, we remain concerned about the ongoing publication on the website of the earlier material which has been identified to you in our previous correspondence. We request that FLC review past publications to remove discriminatory material to ensure compliance with Anti-Discrimination legislation, FLC's licence and the City's grants program ethics framework. Projects that breach the ethics framework are not eligible for funding under the City's Accommodation Grants Program.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Woodward." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kirsten Woodward
Manager Social Programs and Services