Krasman Centre's Statement on the relocation of The Cove

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With the support of our community partners, including The Regional Municipality of York, Krasman Centre has been exploring what our path forward looks like for The Cove. Ultimately, the decision has been made to not operate The Cove out of 1550 16th Avenue in Richmond Hill. This decision was not made lightly, and we thank York Region for collaborating with us. However, the level of community opposition makes it impossible for us to safely operate The Cove out of the 16th Avenue location.

Our commitment remains firmly with the peers and communities we support. For nearly 30 years, Krasman Centre has provided peer-led mental health, addiction, housing, and wellness supports to people in Richmond Hill and across York Region from a place of lived and living experience with similar challenges. We remain dedicated to engaging in community with peers and community members, building connection, promoting self-advocacy and self-directed care, and ensuring individuals in the community have access to compassionate, peer-based support.

We recognize that this news will be disappointing and disheartening for those who would have relied on the connection and support they access at The Cove. As we determine next steps, our team is actively exploring options to ensure peers remain connected to the programs, resources, and supports they rely on. We will continue to share updates through our website and social media channels as information becomes available.

We understand the concerns of the community, and look forward to understanding further. We also look forward to dispelling the misinformation circulating online, and want to acknowledge how difficult it has been this week for peers and staff to navigate the large volume of intimidating, threatening correspondence received. We are grateful to our peers, partners, volunteers, and supporters for their ongoing trust and encouragement. Together, we will continue our work of creating opportunities for connection, recovery, and hope within our community.