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LETTER: Rarely do we have the opportunity to be truly magnanimous

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Dear Editor:

Re: [Neighbours Oppose New Group Home \(http://www.nsnews.com/news/neighbours-oppose-new-group-home-1.1762947\)](http://www.nsnews.com/news/neighbours-oppose-new-group-home-1.1762947), Feb. 15 news story.

I would like to address some of the statements made by Ms. Nikbin regarding the proposed plan to build a nine-bed alcohol recovery centre adjacent to 2414 Windridge Dr.

Two statements in particular were of concern. Firstly, the statement that “homeless people can’t be residents of anywhere” is, at the very least, insensitive and misguided. We rarely have an opportunity to be magnanimous — this is that opportunity.

Secondly, Ms. Nikbin’s assertion that “you can have a voice but nobody listens to you,” implying that there is no difference between Canada and Iran, misses the fact that in Canada you have the right to freely voice your disapproval of the government without fear of reprisal.

In Canada it is the responsibility of the government to give voice to the disenfranchised and ensure that they have a seat at the table.

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