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Yellow Brick House Responds to Frank Stronach Guilty Verdict on Sexual Assault Charges

Today, the Ontario Superior Court has found Frank Stronach guilty on two counts of sexual assault and indecent assault involving historical incidents. This verdict reinforces a critical truth: sexual violence is serious, and accountability remains essential, regardless of how much time has passed since the harm occurred.

This moment is not only about one case. It is about the many survivors who have lived for years, sometimes decades, with trauma, self-blame, and silence. It is about those who froze in fear, who calculated their safety in the moment, or who felt overpowered and unheard.

For many survivors, reporting sexual violence is one of the most difficult decisions they will ever make. Court proceedings can be retraumatizing. Delayed disclosure, fragmented memory, and visible distress, all common trauma responses, are often misunderstood.

A guilty verdict does not erase that reality. Across Canada, sexual assault remains significantly underreported. Survivors frequently tell us they fear not being believed, being judged for their choices, or having their credibility publicly scrutinized.

Today's outcome may offer validation for some. For others, it may reopen wounds. What remains clear is this: survivors need safe, trauma-informed pathways to justice. They need systems that recognize how trauma affects memory, behaviour, and reporting timelines. They need communities that respond with belief, dignity, and support.

This verdict should not mark the end of the conversation. It should reinforce the urgent need for continued investment in survivor services, public education about consent, and improvements to how our justice system responds to sexual violence.

Survivors are watching closely. They deserve to know that when they come forward, they will be treated with respect and compassion.

About Yellow Brick House

Since 1978, Yellow Brick House has been providing life-saving services and prevention programs to meet the diverse needs of individuals, families and communities impacted by

violence. Our Vision is Freedom from violence. Equality for all. The organization is committed to providing a wide range of free and confidential support services to women and children experiencing abuse and violence and empowering them to transition to a violence free lives.

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