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In Daryl Newcomb's recent article "**How near is near? Core area councillors discuss location criteria for upcoming homeless hubs**", I was surprised that London's war veterans are not considered and called out as a priority group within the homeless population. War veterans are not recognized as a priority in Canada often enough whereas in the USA, veterans are recognized with discounts, priority treatment and with thanks at events. Please consider stepping up and recognizing homeless war veterans as a unique priority population in London's plan to end homelessness.

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