

Good evening,

I hope you're doing well. I consent for you to use this email.

I have major concerns with the plan of bringing a homeless/mental health hub outside our neighbourhood.

While I agree that a location is needed and these people need help. I think the plan of putting it outside ANY neighbour is concerning. These shelters are not meant to be outside of neighbourhoods. Especially neighbourhoods with young children. With mental health and homelessness, can come addiction and violence. It has been mentioned that "safe" administration of drugs can be used in such facilities. There are so many young children in this neighbourhood and parks in this area. Not to mention daycares and schools. I don't want to have to stress about finding needles and substances at our parks or in the trails. Children should not be subject to such issues. Parents should not be subjected to pain and hardship that this could cause. What would the city do if a child came across something like that? Wouldn't the city be held liable? Especially if so many concerns have been brought forward.

I don't think putting a centre here is smart or even going to serve these people well. It seems oddly far from all other resources that they could need. Most locations are found around hospitals ground and other resources areas.

The location is also right beside Mastermind toys. A place where children go to... It is also behind a small business. It makes zero sense why it would be placed there.

Many neighbours are concerned and have been sharing their thoughts in our Facebook group Considering we live here and many have young children. Our voices need be heard.

I also would like to mention the pricing for such a location seems to be astronomically high. I feel the city could easily find cheaper alternatives that also serve the people better and save some of that money to refund it in other places. There are many red flags about this plan.

I am bringing this concern to you because I believe these comments should be addressed in your meeting.

Thank you for your time.

C.S.