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Dear Community and Protective Service Committee Colleagues,

I would like to put forward an additional motion, which I believe is germane to item 2.9 Provision of Outdoor Basic Needs of the committee agenda. First of all, I appreciate the work that city staff have done to operationalize a plan to get basic needs out to people experiencing homelessness. This is a service which should be driven by data and rotated to various locations to meet the basic needs of those living unhoused. The service depot response was static and put a heavy burden on the same locations and those living in proximity to those parks. Having a mobile service will hopefully allow for service providers to respond to more people spread across the city. That said our encampment strategy should not live in a vacuum and needs to be part of service continuum that may start with providing basic needs but absolutely needs to transition to shelter for those who want it. London has led the way in developing the hub model, which serves high acuity individuals, but we cannot forget that we also need to provide traditional shelter spaces for those who simply need a bed and don't require the same level of supports. What we saw over a very harsh winter was the need in our city for increased shelter capacity and I believe that we need to redouble our efforts towards that goal. It is for that reason that I am asking the committee to support the following motion

- A) That the Mayor and Civic Administration be *Directed* to request from the Provincial Government additional funds to open a new shelter location in the City of London; akin to the funding agreements that currently exist between the Salvation Army Centre of Hope and Men's Mission Services. This request would include the potential use of Provincial facilities and land to accommodate a new shelter.
- B) That the letter from Councillor McAlister be received.

Sincerely,



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