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Item 4.6 – Councillor D. Ferreira – Advocacy Request – For-Profit Addiction Treatment in Ontario

Good evening

As CEO of Forest City Healing Centre, and as someone who has personally been through methadone, Suboxone, and inpatient abstinence-based treatment, I am writing to express my strong support for Councillor Ferreira's motion on the current model of addiction treatment and prescribing practices in Ontario. I feel deeply fortunate to have made it through the obstacles of addiction with the help of good guidance, inpatient care, strong community support, and dedicated physicians, and I do not claim to have the expertise or all the answers.

Over 13 years in London's recovery community, and as a lifelong Londoner, I have seen firsthand how our city and its residents are impacted by addiction and by a system that too often leaves people surviving rather than truly recovering. That is why I am grateful for and fully support the thoughtful concerns and recommendations outlined in Councillor Ferreira's work, and I defer to his leadership and the broader expertise he has gathered in this discussion.

Forest City Healing Centre was created simply to offer one small part of the solution: an abstinence-based, inpatient, highly structured, community-driven program for those who choose that path. My hope is that, through this motion, we can move toward a more balanced, accountable system that offers real pathways to recovery for everyone seeking help.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this perspective.

**Best Regards,**

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