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Re: Agenda for the 6th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
Item 4.6 – Councillor D. Ferreira – Advocacy Request – For-Profit Addiction Treatment in Ontario

Please include this letter in the public agenda.

Dear Council,

As was evident at the grand opening for the latest Indwell project at Coves Landing, it takes all three levels of government to work together to solve complex societal problems. That is why I fully support David Ferreira's motion with respect to for-profit treatment in Ontario and his request to formally advocate to the provincial government.

Like the fight against climate change, the problems of addiction require many solutions that all work together to support each other and create a continuum of care. For-profit businesses have an inherent conflict in that they need a steady customer base to remain profitable. It is time to stop administering band-aid solutions costing millions of dollars. I support a publicly funded, fully integrated healthcare model that delivers comprehensive addiction treatment without gaps in care.

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