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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent: submission for 6th strategic priorities and policy committee meeting

Please add this submission to the 6th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

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

From Patricia Skidmore-Skuce submission to council :

I am requesting your support for the following:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the communication from Councillor D. Ferreira regarding systemic concerns with for-profit addiction treatment in Ontario:

- a) the letter BE ENDORSED by Council and forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Health, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and the Ontario College of Pharmacists; and
- b) the Mayor BE REQUESTED to formally advocate to the Province of Ontario, including through appropriate municipal and intergovernmental channels, for the following:
 - i. that the Province and relevant regulatory bodies undertake an immediate review of high-volume, for-profit addiction treatment and dispensing models operating in Ontario;
 - ii. that the Province strengthen oversight, establish clear standards for integrated care, including aftercare, clinical oversight, coordination with broader health and social supports, and access to medically supervised detoxification services, and reform current policy frameworks governing prescribing and dispensing practices;
 - iii. that the Province transition away from private, for-profit models of addiction treatment toward a publicly funded and publicly operated model fully integrated within the healthcare system, with a focus on long-term recovery, stability, and patient outcomes

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