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(I wish to 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)

Dear members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee,

The current delivery model for addiction treatment and prescribing practices in Ontario is fundamentally fractured. By leaning heavily on private, for-profit providers, the system has prioritized high-volume "pill dispensing" over the comprehensive, human-centered care required for long-term recovery. This volume-driven approach not only fails to provide the necessary wraparound supports but also contributes to the dangerous diversion of medications into our neighborhoods.

I fully support Councillor Ferreira's motion to call upon the Ontario Government and healthcare regulators to shift toward a publicly administered healthcare model. We must replace this fragmented landscape with a true continuum of care that integrates initial access, stabilization, and long-term aftercare into a single, seamless pathway.

A system focused on profit undermines the goal of reducing patient reliance on treatment. London deserves a model grounded in patient outcomes, where success is measured by stability and reintegration rather than the number of prescriptions filled. We need a consistent, integrated system that treats addiction as a health crisis requiring a wide range of public support, in which no individual falls through the gaps of a market-driven service.

Sincerely,

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