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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Response to #4.5 Councillor S. Franke – Advocacy Request- Local Safe Consumption Treatment Sites

Please see below a snapshot of all the advocacy AMO has done regarding the opioid crisis and supportive/deeply affordable housing over the last couple years. AMO regularly engages provincial officials on these issues.

As a AMO Board Member, I am committed to continuing AMOs advocacy for increased and sustained resources to enable the City of London to expand local shelter and highly supportive housing capacity, establish additional HART Hubs and significantly enhance access to detoxification and rehabilitation services in London.

[The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective](#) (July 2024)

- In this report we called for comprehensive response to the opioid crisis, including investments in supportive housing and supervised consumption sites as a component of Ontario's harm reduction response.
- This report was publicly supported by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Addictions and Mental Health Ontario, Canadian Mental Health Association – Ontario. However, the police chiefs have updated some of their public positioning on harm reduction since the report was released.

[2024 AMO Conference News Release](#) (August 2024)

- Released in response to Minister Jones announcement re: HART Hubs and the closure of some supervised consumption sites.

[Municipalities Under Pressure: The Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis](#) (January 2025)

- Groundbreaking research calling for a re-orientation away from short-term crisis response and toward investments in long-term deeply affordable housing supply.

[Response to Build Canada Homes Marketing Sounding Guide](#) (August 2025)

- Calling for the federal, provincial and municipal governments to work together in partnership to ensure the successful implementation of BCH in a way that will work most effectively in the unique provincial context given the municipal role for housing in Ontario.

[Municipalities Under Pressure One Year Later: An Update on the Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis](#) (January 2026)

- One year update of our homelessness research study highlighting that the crisis continues to worsen without coordinated and substantial government intervention.

[Recent letter](#) to Province re: Unlocking BCH funding for transitional and supportive housing (March 2026)

- The federal government has earmarked \$1 billion nation-wide to create new supportive and transitional housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. If Ontario received its per capita share, this could result in more than 1,200 new units in Ontario. Realizing this opportunity requires a provincial commitment of \$62 million in annual operating investment. Because Build Canada Homes requires operating funding guarantees at the application stage, a firm provincial commitment is the essential 'key' to unlocking this federal capital.

Thank you for taking the time to review AMO's advocacy.

Sincerely,

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