

To the members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee,
Re the 6th meeting of the SPPC, Item 4.6 - Advocacy Request, For-Profit Addiction
Treatment in Ontario

I am in full agreement with Councillor Ferreira's thoughtful and well-reasoned letter dated February 25, 2026 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Ontario College of Pharmacists, and the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario's Minister of Health.

I urge the members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee to endorse this letter and to re-submit it to the Ontario Ministry of Health, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and the Ontario College of Pharmacists.

In line with Councillor Ferreira's motion, I also urge you to request that the Mayor of London formally advocate to the Province of Ontario, including through appropriate municipal and intergovernmental channels, that the province review examine existing dispensing models and the prepare for a transition to better integration with existing healthcare standards and publicly-delivered healthcare along the 4 points specified in the Councillor's motion.

Working, living, and volunteering along and nearby the corridor where private, for-profit, high-volume clinics and pharmacies have concentrated has given me a close-up view of the impacts of disconnection in the healthcare system. I have also enjoyed a view of the better outcomes experienced by folks who are fortunate enough to receive their primary care at the nearby community health centre. As a concerned and compassionate resident, I believe the Councillor's motion captures better the direction London has chosen to take in caring for its citizens, those experiencing addiction and those who love them.

I urge you to vote in favour of this motion.

Best to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Seale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Paul Seale (he/they)

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