



Business Improvement Area

Mr. Eric Lalande,
City of London Planning Division,
February 23, 2012

Re: File #OZ-8004

Submission to the City of London Planning and Environment Committee:
Re: Proposed City Wide Amendments to the City's Official plan and Zoning By-Law Z-1 to provide policy and regulatory frameworks for Methadone Clinics and Methadone Pharmacies.

I have been directed by the Old East Village BIA Board of Directors to make the following submission to the City of London Planning and Environment Committee. The content of the submission was agreed by the Board of Directors at the February 2012 meeting of the Old East BIA Village Board.

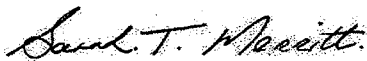
The Old East Village BIA supports the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By –Law Amendment. The proposed amendment is the result of a very broad based community consultation process that was designed to involve all stakeholders in the creation of a Bylaw that will meet the needs of service providers, clients and areas in which methadone clinics and pharmacies are situated. The BIA is of the opinion that due to the inclusiveness of the consultation process, the By-Law addresses and resolves the issues identified in the report: Methadone Clinics in London Ontario: Discussion Paper.

As drafted the By-Law makes it possible to locate services in sites that best meet the needs of those who use methadone clinics and pharmacies. As well, it minimizes those land use conflicts that can be generated by poorly planned methadone clinics and pharmacies that often lead to community conflicts. It is our hope that this Bylaw will be adopted so that the outcome of the City's work will be the agreed and appropriate regulation of methadone treatment services for the benefit of all parties and stakeholders.

Although outside the scope of this public consultation meeting, we look forward to working with the Civic Administration to engage in community consultation and dialogue to create an ongoing local strategy to address problems associated with on street illegal drug use. Through this process we believe that all stakeholders can be supported and encouraged to work together to resolve issues that result in negative impacts on both community and clients.

In the event that the amendment becomes the subject of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, we hereby request delegation status in order to participate in the OMB hearing.

Sincerely,



Sarah Merritt,
Manager,
Old East Village BIA