



**Boys & Girls Club  
of London**  
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City of London  
Planning Division  
206 Dundas Street  
London, Ontario  
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Attn: Eric Lalande

City File No: OZ-8004

Dear Mr. Lalande,

The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of London (The Board) submits this Letter of Comment in regards to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment pertaining to land use matters related to Methadone Clinics and Methadone Pharmacies.

The Board, although generally supportive of the amendment, is concerned that the list of land uses requiring a 300m buffer only includes uses such as public facilities, schools, and the Western Fairgrounds, and does not include the Boys & Girls Club of London. The Boys & Girls Club of London holds ongoing children and youth programs (day and evening) and seniors programs throughout the week at its Horton Street location and allowing a methadone clinic or methadone pharmacy to be built nearby would create a land use compatibility issue, similar to those identified as justification to provide a 300m buffer from the aforementioned uses. The surrounding neighbourhood has been subject to an increase in applications to allow for new methadone clinics. The Board is concerned for the safety and protection of the visitors to the Boys and Girls Club and the adverse effect a new methadone clinic or methadone pharmacy could have on the area and the ongoing safe operation of our facility.

Therefore, before the amendment is considered for approval by Council, The Board requests that "The Boys & Girls Club of London" be added to the list of facilities requiring the 300m buffer from any new methadone clinics or methadone pharmacies.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of the Board of Directors  
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