

April 10, 2018

Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee

Re: Proposed Supervised Drug-use Facility at 120 or 372 York Street, London, Ontario

Dear Chair and Members,

At Addiction Services of Thames Valley (ADSTV), we see the impact of drug use every day on the individual, family and community. The benefits provided by a Safe Consumption Site are clear to us, the Board of Directors and the community we serve. We applaud the work underway and our Board of Directors has issued a supportive statement about the need in our community. We believe that the SCS must be centrally located as is the current Temporary Overdose Prevention Site.

ADSTV currently supports the TOPS with staff and will continue to do so in the SCS wherever it is located. Many of our clients are seeking the supports of the TOPS because although they are dependent on drugs, they do not want to accidentally die by opiate poisoning. They benefit from the health and social supports they receive while attending TOPS.

ADSTV is a collaborative partner providing addiction related services and supports for the joint application of the Middlesex-London Health Unit and the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection to open a supervised consumption site at either 120 or 372 York Street. Both locations are centrally located and accessible. This community and the people who need the Supervised Consumption Site (including family), require this site to be chosen so that the host agencies can get on with the planning and implementation.

Thank you,



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