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Subject: 446 York St

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the proposed Safe Injection Site at 446 York St.

I am a front line employee at a business located less than 200 metres from the proposed site. Daily, we deal with jay walking. Vehicles must then take evasive maneuvers to avoid people crossing to the Men's Mission, swerving around the jaywalker or changing lanes. We are very concerned that this location will have an increase of impaired jaywalkers putting both at risk. It is not uncommon to see near misses with Mission residents daily. Not to mention the railway tracks, which in themselves pose a risk to an impaired person.

This site is in very close proximity to Beal Secondary School. I agree with Paul Sydor, Superintendent of TVDSB, as he has stated opposition to the site. Beal is a large, and very busy school. Students use York St to catch buses. I feel the proposed site puts students at risk.

The speed in which the Health Unit is moving to force the approval of this location is not appropriate. There has not been proper study or debate. This is a serious issue and the community needs to be properly consulted and respected.

It is not uncommon in this neighbourhood already, to feel unsafe when parking my car and leaving for the day from work. Many times I have waited until I can be escorted to my vehicle. I feel with the addition of this site, safety risks will increase exponentially. The increase of impaired people, wandering on York St, jaywalking and requesting to use our washroom facilities (which is already an issue) has potential to become volatile.

In conclusion, I do not believe the decision makers of this city intend to make it's residents feel unsafe or put anyone in danger. However, I do believe that this proposed site does just that.

Regards,
Julie Palazzo