

To whom it may concern,

Your upcoming Public Meeting on May 14 deals with an issue that Greatly affects me as a home owner at 221 Grey Street. The Supervised Consumption Facility proposed site at 241 Simcoe Street is located east of my living room less than 120 meters. I know its less than 120 meters because I received a notice from Middlesex-London Health Unit for a meeting dated Thursday April 26 at 4:00 pm. Their parameters were to contact residents that lived within the 120 meter zone.

I attended that meeting and left my contact email address on two different forms. I was told I would be contacted as the site process continued.

Since that meeting, Dr Mackie has presented information to City Council, at least twice, re: this project. Those meetings did not allow Public input but did educate and attempt to answer questions posed by Council Members. I feel I would have benefited from these meetings yet I was not contacted and told of their occurrence.

Now there is a Public Participation Meeting scheduled for Monday May 14. I finally will be able to voice MY CONCERNS but to my surprise, I WAS NOT NOTIFIED by Middlesex-London Health Unit or by The City of London itself. I feel betrayed on Two fronts.

When The City of London informs me of my property tax obligations, there is no guessing game. They send me the amount with a Due Date and I follow through with on time payments.

Why is it that I was not contacted by either entity? Surely my rights as a Homeowner and Tax payer should have granted me some respect from both organizations. If roles were reversed, City Hall, at least would make immediate changes to guarantee their rights are protected!

I was lead to believe that residents of 241 Simcoe were in favor of the proposed SCF location(endorsements from Tanya Park, City Councilor and Angela Lukach, President of the SoHo Community Association). To learn first hand knowledge, I walked across the street and spoke to several tenants from the building. What I learned was Shocking!

The building has many fine tenants who oppose the site selection. A petition "Against" the SCF has been compiled by the residents accumulating to 5 pages of signatures.

The residents have various challenges in life be it financial, physical or mental. Individually or even combinations of challenges, depending on their own life story.

Upon speaking with them, I felt they are looking for a Savior. They feel voiceless against London and Middlesex Housing Corporation and are hoping someone will help guide them on this almost impossible journey.

City Council, Please Listen and Hear the Cries from these constituents and the surrounding neighborhood.

A simple walk across the street has changed my view point of a building I have known for 34 years and never visited.

Let us not turn our back on Seniors and the Handicapped. That's who this building was originally built for back in 1963.

Respectfully,

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