



CHIPPEWA HEALTH CENTRE



November 28, 2018

Dear Review Committee Members:

Re: Permanent Supervised Consumption and Treatment Site

As the Health Director of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation I am pleased to write this letter of support for the rezoning of a permanent Supervised Consumption Facility at 446 York Street for individuals experiencing challenges with addictions.

This location is within walking distance of both Dundas and Richmond and Dundas and Adelaide, the two biggest London hot spots for drug use. It will address a problem that is already in the neighbourhood and surrounding communities. The facility will have wrap around services, including addictions treatment, mental health counseling, Hep C and HIV testing, clean up needle waste and get injections off the street and into a secure controlled environment, improving safety in the neighbourhood.

The partners have proven that they can run a service that respects neighbouring businesses and residences. Most importantly they treat people with respect to help them feel valued and supported to take better care of themselves. This has been demonstrated at temporary overdose prevention site which has been a success, 56 overdoses reversed, over 10,000 injections off the street, over 150 people into drug treatment and less needle waste downtown.

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation is committed to partnering and working with the Middlesex London Health Unit and Regional HIV/AIDS Connection to address the opioid crisis and improve health outcomes in our communities for all individuals.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kimberly Fisher'.

Kimberly Fisher, CFNHM
Health Director