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Subject: Amendments to the By-Laws for placement of Methadone clinics

Good Morning,

My name is Margot Slade-Scott and I live at 95 Byron Ave. E. in Old South London On.

I am writing this letter to ask that amendments be made to the By-Laws pertaining to the placement of Methadone clinics in our community. I ask that these amendments be voted on by council at the meeting on October 30, 2012 and not in a year from now as has been proposed. This issue is extremely important to all who live in this city and therefore cannot wait.

Currently there are 4 locations licensed to dispense methadone in the Old South Manor Park area. It has been proposed to council to now open yet another site at 425 Wharncliffe Rd. This location is under 2 Km from at least one of the current locations. How is this fair access to services for recovering addicts when they are required to go to one general area? By including an **amendment requiring that the clinics be at least a certain distance from each other OR consequently making a case for why there should be an additional clinic within a certain distance of another existing facility** would be logical. In this way the city can ensure they are making these services available and accessible to everyone no matter where they live in the city.

The proposed site is also under 300 meters from a local subsidised centre-based daycare facility. An **amendment to the By-law to include 'Subsidised Centre-based Daycares' on the 300 meter exclusion list** is also necessary. While it is important for recovering addicts to have access to methadone it is also just as important to protect those most vulnerable in our community. You as our elected politicians have a responsibility to ensure that the safety of these children is not compromised.

Please vote to have these amendments passed on Oct. 30, 2012

Thank You for your time

Margot Slade-Scott