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Cc: PEC <pec@london.ca>; Mackie, Dr. Christopher Brian Lester Turner, Stephen <<u>sturner@london.ca</u>> **Subject:** In Support of rezoning at 446 York Street to accommodate Permanent Supervised Consumption

and treatment site

I am writing to you to add my voice to the many in London who are wholly in support of the rezoning application needed to facilitate the transformation of the site at 446 York Street, in London, so that this much needed Permanent Supervised Consumption and Treatment facility can be established.

As a former first responder who worked and responded for many years in this area to medical calls for assistance, my opinion is that this site is long overdue.

Saving lives is what I was called upon to do in my work life and as such I feel compelled to lend my voice in support of the need for this facility; one that will be a huge first step in dealing with current health crisis that desperately needs our collective attention and action.

The location is well positioned to service the current need in the area and I believe it will greatly enhance the security and quality of life for ALL who live in the area and our city as a whole.

This site and the services it will provide are proven to reduce harm and save lives, something we should all prioritize.

The time to act is now and I hope that this project will receive as much help as possible from City Council and the infrastructure that the City of London has in place.

The time for barriers to timely access to necessary and life saving treatment has passed and this zoning request needs to move forward, and quickly.

Respectfully

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