

Planning and Environment Committee,

Having facilitated the Safe Consumption Sites Community Engagement process, it was clear that London citizens support the city of London having Safe Consumption Facilities now known as Consumption & Treatment facilities. Having reviewed the data, the site at 446 York Street would be an important location to approve for a Safe Consumption Facility since it is within walking distance of both Dundas and Richmond and Dundas and Adelaide, the two biggest London hot spots for drug use. We know that close proximity is essential. I give full permission for this rezoning so that the 446 York Street can be use for a Safe Consumption Facility.

Having it at this site would mean:

- Addressing a problem that is already in the neighbourhood
- Cleaning up needle waste
- Getting injections off the street (and into a controlled environment)
- Improving safety in the neighbourhood as it the site will have a security guard

The Temporary Overdose Prevention Site has been a success (56 overdoses reversed, over 10,000 injections off the street, over 150 people into drug treatment, less needle waste downtown), now moving to a permanent location will mean that as a community we will be able to:

- Save lives
- Decrease the spread of HIV, Hep C etc.
- Wrap services around people, including addictions treatment, mental health counselling, and HIV testing
- Treat people with respect will help them feel valued and support them to take better care of themselves

For the sake of all people in our community, we ask that 446 York Street be rezoned in an expedient manner so that this service can begin to serve those most vulnerable in our community as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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