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H. Lysynski  
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Planning and Environment Committee  
City of London  
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Dear H. Lysynski,

**Re: Zoning Application 446 York Street**

I am writing to you as the committee secretary to the Planning and Environment Committee to share our support for the proposed zoning by-law amendment for 446 York Street.

For over 65 years, Mission Services of London has been serving individuals and families struggling with, or at risk of, homelessness, poverty and addictions. We operate: an emergency shelter for men; an emergency shelter for families (the only family emergency shelter in southwestern Ontario); a community mental health program; a social enterprise thrift store; and a 14 bed live-in abstinence-based addiction treatment program (one of only two live-in addiction treatment programs in the South West LHIN and the only one with related second stage housing).

Just as we firmly believe an abstinence-based addiction treatment program is an indispensable and essential component in a community's response to addiction and mental health issues, so too do we believe that a supervised consumption and treatment services site is an essential component in a well-rounded, comprehensive, patient-centred community response to addiction and mental health issues.

Our experience in serving individuals in our community for over 65 years has taught us that the issues of poverty, homelessness, addictions and mental health are complex issues, requiring a multi-faceted and equally complex response. We have learned that unilateral and one-dimensional responses are seldom adequate to serve the broad scope of community needs. We have learned that

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each of our neighbours is unique, their experiences and the road they have travelled to their current situation is unique, and that a community response able to meet their need at their point of need through the availability of a spectrum of services is beneficial, honouring and affirming to them as individuals.

We have also learned that there are risks associated with the status quo, and outcomes and results cannot change without also changing methods and approaches to serious community issues. In this context, there are many factors that suggest 446 York Street is very well suited for a supervised consumption and treatment services site. The most important reason is that it will save lives, our neighbours' lives. It is within walking distance of two of London's "hot spots" for drug use – the corners of Dundas & Richmond and Dundas & Adelaide. Quite frankly it is addressing a problem that is in the immediate and adjacent neighbourhoods and will provide a safe and controlled environment for activity that is already occurring on the street. Wrap around services will be provided on site and related services such as withdrawal management at Salvation Army and our addiction treatment program (Quintin Warner House) are within walking distance.

For those reasons we not only support a supervised consumption and treatment services site at 446 York Street but also, through our abstinence-based addiction treatment program, would welcome the opportunity to participate in the on-site wrap-around services provided at that site. We will continue to be an active participant in a comprehensive community response that serves the unique and individual needs of our neighbours.

As the Planning and Environment Committee wrestles with many competing interests in land use, at times responding to very difficult social issues and responses, I encourage the committee to consider an overall comprehensive approach, that considers the interests of all Londoners, with supervised consumption and treatment services site at 446 York Street being but one positive component in the development of a healthy community fabric in London.

Yours truly,



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Executive Director

cc. Dr. Chris Mackie, Middlesex-London Health Unit  
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