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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: City of London 2020-2021 Winter Response Program for Unsheltered Individuals

Good afternoon members of the Community Protective and Services Committee,

I am writing to you in support of the Winter Response Program as presented by Debbie Kramers, Craig Cooper, and Kevin Dickins. The concern for the health and wellbeing of those who are currently unsheltered in London has been high and increasing as winter approaches. As the City works through such programs as emergency shelters, housing first programs, the hotels/motels, and head lease initiative, it is evident that there are still a number of individuals who live outside the margins of our current systems. It is commendable that the City has drafted a response to expand the margins and bring these individuals a safer option for this winter.

I write to express my full support for the options provided. I agree that while these are not long-term solutions for ending homelessness, they are a necessity for ensuring that people survive to take the next opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration and in particular the rapidity in putting together this multi-site, multi-service approach. We speak of the spirit of the holiday season, in supporting this initiative you are showing the best of this spirit.

Sincerely,

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