

April 11, 2013

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of Council

Re: **Emergent Motion – Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre**

A number of concerns have arisen with respect to the health and safety conditions of the Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre (EMDC), for not only the inmates, but also the staff and emergency services of the Centre. The EMDC was built to house 150 inmates and yet up to 400 have been housed from time to time.

In 2012, the Province of Ontario introduced a 12-point action plan to improve conditions at the EMDC. It appears that either the action plan has not been implemented, or the implementation has failed. The Province of Ontario needs to take immediate action to improve the health and safety conditions at EMDC for all involved, including the inmates who are awaiting trial and the staff, many of whom are residents of London.

Moved by Councillor D. Brown and seconded by Councillor H.L.Usher:

That the Mayor BE REQUESTED to send a letter to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, asking that immediate steps be taken to improve the health and safety conditions at EMDC for the inmates, staff and emergency services of the Centre.

Respectfully submitted by:

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