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April 28, 2021

Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Proposed Amended to Item 2.3 of the 7th Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee – Update – City of London 202-2021 Winter Response Program for Unsheltered Individuals

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Residents and businesses in the Hamilton Road Community Improvement Plan area have always opened their hearts to the less fortunate, as evidenced by their support of the CMHC coffee house, Safe Space and the great work of the Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Not welcomed, however, have been the hundreds of needles discarded around the community near the warming centre opened at 525 Hamilton Road. The concern is heightened by its proximity to Trafalgar Public School and the Seniors Annex, which is home to local afterschool programs. To mitigate these strong concerns, support is requested for the following amendment to the recommendations of Item 2.3 on the 7th Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee it being noted that the amendment also provides an opportunity to vote separately on the property located at 525 Hamilton Road:

That Item 2.3 of the 7th Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee BE AMENDED to read as follows:

“That, on the recommendation of the Acting Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated April 20, 2021 related to an Update on the City of London 2020-2021 Winter Response Program for Unsheltered Individuals:

- a) the above-noted staff report BE ENDORSED and BE APPROVED, with the exception of matters related to the Hamilton Road Senior Centre located at 525 Hamilton Road;
- b) the above-noted staff report BE ENDORSED and BE APPROVED as it pertains to matters related to the Hamilton Road Senior Centre located at 525 Hamilton Road;
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in relation to the above-report;
- d) for those warming centres that are to remain open in 2021, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to make the necessary arrangements to, where permission is granted, regularly sweep for needles in the area within 100 metres of the warming centre and when requested to do so, to undertake a sweep for needles within 300 metres of the warming centre; and to report back to a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee on the implementation of similar actions for future warming and cooling centres; and,
- e) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee, as soon as possible, on additional actions that could be taken after the end of June, building on what we have learned from the temporary winter response, to support people who are experiencing homelessness;



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it being noted that the following communications, as appended to the Added Agenda, were received with respect to this matter:

- A. Luis;
- C. Scott;
- I. MacLean;
- C. Davis;
- A. Oakey; and,
- E. Blaney. (2021-S14)”

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor, Ward 1

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Councillor, Ward 2