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Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
City of London

Via Email: sppc@london.ca

Dear Committee Members,

Since the Health & Homelessness Summit began, Mission Services of London has been a keen participant in this comprehensive, cross-sectoral process. We have been grateful to see our community as a whole, pulling together for collective impact; this is something we celebrate, and which encourages us in our continued engagement.

It seems we are on the cusp of something transformational, aimed at better serving the needs of neighbours who struggle with persistent challenges in our city. This work is motivated by the desire to save lives, alleviate suffering and safeguard our community's health and prosperity for the future – all noble goals that inspire us.

Discussions around a Whole of Community System Response dovetail in a timely way with Mission Services of London's Strategic Action Plan, through which we are reimagining services to enhance the continuum of care for the men, women and children we serve each day.

In reconceiving the future, we seek to better support individuals and families who struggle with homelessness and poverty, mental illness and addiction. Being at the intersection of health and homelessness in our services, and bringing to the table long-standing experience in this field, we are keenly interested in the unfolding work catalyzed by the Health & Homelessness Summit.

London has an opportunity to widely demonstrate leadership through this work.

We look forward to continued engagement in the process and are pleased to see the hopeful, collaborative exchange to which it is leading.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ericka Ayala Ronson".

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