

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Support for Supervised Consumption Site in Downtown Sudbury - Location Option #2 under the Paris St Bridge

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Sudbury Business Improvement Area (BIA) to reaffirm and express our unwavering support for the supervised consumption site (SCS) in the downtown core of Sudbury, with particular emphasis on location option #2 under the Paris St Bridge. We believe that such a facility is not just essential but critical for our community, addressing the urgent need for a clean, safe, and private space for individuals struggling with substance use disorders.

We acknowledge the challenges that our community, businesses and membership face concerning public drug use and its associated problems. The Downtown Sudbury BIA firmly believes that a supervised consumption site, especially at the previously suggested location under the Paris St Bridge, is an effective and compassionate response to this crisis. We are convinced of its potential to create a safer and healthier environment for everyone in the downtown area, including residents, business owners, and visitors.

Our endorsement of this initiative is rooted in the belief that a supervised consumption site, meeting the specified conditions, will provide individuals with a safe space to hang out, lounge, and manage their symptoms without fear of judgment or harm. By offering a secure and controlled environment, it can help minimize the adverse impact of public drug use on the community while fostering a sense of belonging and dignity among those who are struggling. A SCS in this area would also serve to remove open use and other activities from the business section of our downtown area, making it feel more secure for shoppers, diners, and other visitors currently put off by rampant drug uses and its corollary activities.

Furthermore, we emphasize the importance of collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the facility staff to ensure that individuals are encouraged to use the SCS instead of engaging in open drug use. It is essential for the Police to play a role in guiding individuals towards the facility, thereby reducing public drug use and associated



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criminal activities in the downtown area. We are committed to supporting these collaborative efforts and working closely with the authorities to achieve this goal.

In addition to these crucial factors, we also emphasize the necessity of a well-designed ventilation system that can effectively manage inhalant substances. A robust ventilation system not only ensures the safety of the individuals inside the facility but also addresses concerns related to public health and environmental impact. We urge all stakeholders involved in this initiative to prioritize the implementation of an efficient ventilation system to address these concerns effectively.

In conclusion, the Downtown Sudbury BIA re-affirms our support for the establishment of a supervised consumption site, specifically at location option #2 under the Paris St Bridge, subject to the fulfillment of the stated conditions. We believe that this initiative will contribute significantly to the well-being of our community and create a downtown area that is safe, inclusive, and supportive for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact that the supervised consumption site will have on our community and stand ready to assist in any way necessary to make this initiative a success.

Sincerely,

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