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Re: Consumption and Treatment Services Injunction

March 30, 2025

To: Jess Dixon, MPP
Hon. Mike Harris Jr., MPP
Brian Riddell, MPP
Aislinn Clancy, MPP
Catherine Fife, MPP

Dear Members of Parliament,

As you know, there has never been any visible support for eliminating Waterloo region's only Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) located in Kitchener - not from Region of Waterloo Council, not from Kitchener City Council, not from the Kitchener Downtown Advisory Committee, not from the daycare across the street, not from members of area schools and churches, faith leaders, health, social work, and outreach professionals, downtown business owners, and certainly not from CTS clients, among so many others.

As you know, the Ontario Superior Court issued an injunction on S.2 of the *Community Care and Recovery Act* on Friday. The injunction allows for the CTS to remain open for 30 days past a judgement on the Charter issues.

As you know the Province of Ontario has indicated it will not support the court injunction granting a suspension of CTS closures in Kitchener, Guelph, and elsewhere.

Many local affidavits were submitted to Ontario Superior Court, and none were in support of closing the CTS site. The Waterloo Region Drug Action Team obtained intervenor status as part of a coalition.

One of the applicants in the court challenge is a resident of Waterloo region. The court has accepted the high risk of death and injury to CTS clients should CTS sites close, including the risk of death to the Waterloo region applicant. We do not want your constituent, or other CTS clients, to die.

Because the injunction calls for maintaining CTS operations, and because the affected CTS sites are due to close on April 1, the Waterloo region community would like to know: in your role as an MPP from Waterloo region, will you urgently secure provincial compliance with Justice Callaghan's ruling to ensure the health and safety of area constituents are not jeopardized during the injunction period?

The lives of constituents locally and beyond very much hang in the balance. Time is of the essence, obviously, and the community is unclear about how area MPPs are facilitating an emergency response.

On behalf of the Waterloo Region Drug Action Team, we look forward to your reply and more importantly, continuation of consumption services without interruption during if not beyond the injunction period.

Sincerely,

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