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Hon. Doug Ford Premier's Office, Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

To Premier Ford,

RE: Provincial Funding for Rehabilitation Facilities

Please be advised that Cambridge City Council, at its meeting held on the 16th day of April, 2020, approved motion 20-060 regarding Provincial Funding for Rehabilitation Facilities:

Moved by: Councillor Liggett

Seconded by: Councillor Mann

WHEREAS there is a failure of our overall drug and addictions policies and strategies to provide for adequate, timely and sustainable detox and addiction rehabilitation programs in a safe, supportive environment; and,

WHEREAS methods of harm reduction are a stopgap until those struggling with addiction are able to have immediate access to adequate detox and rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS the community of Cambridge has shown their concern and compassion for the lack of access and availability for their fellow residents who are asking for such assistance; and

WHEREAS there is an inadequate quantity of rehabilitation facilities throughout the province providing the required number of beds and programs for those struggling with substance abuse requesting assistance; and

WHEREAS publically funded services for detox and rehabilitation programs would ensure that all persons receive such help equitably and in a sustainable way; and

WHEREAS some persons struggling with substance abuse may need such programs more than once:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cambridge asks the Province of Ontario for the much needed funding to provide for such relief for the City of Cambridge as well as throughout the province.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Danielle Manton

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City Clerk

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