

Ward 3 Councillor

November 16, 2021

Mr. Nann

Hamilton Centre MPP

Andrea Horvath

Dear Political Representatives,

RE: Proposed Injection Site at 746 Bart St E in Hamilton ON

Holy Spirit Ukrainian Saturday School is a member of the International Languages Programme through the Hamilton Separate School system. For the past ten years we have run our language school from our site at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Church every Saturday from September to the end of May. Our children come from across all sections of Hamilton, Stoney Creek as well as Burlington and Brantford. We are currently in lockdown because of Covid-19.

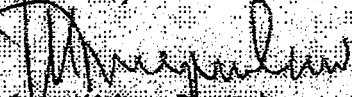
It has taken us a number of years to gather our pupils and to encourage our parents to send them to us for additional school time on Saturdays as it is a commitment for both parents and children. Our programme was thriving prior to the Covid shut down.

Just recently we have been advised through a number of different business as well as private neighbourhood conversations that the City of Hamilton is planning to open a Safe Injection Site within meters of our school. We are extremely concerned about this decision as it may negatively impact our ability to reconvene our school and to convince our parents that their children will be safe in our care.

The area of Barton Street near the proposed site has long been a depressed and struggling business section. In recent years we have watched as new stores have begun to open up between Sherman and Lotbridge Streets and it would be a great disappointment to see this new revitalization initiative stymied because of this proposed decision.

Please consider all points of view as you go forward with this proposal.

Yours truly



Irena Wojtow-Dmyterko

Holy Spirit Ukrainian Saturday School Director