

December 2nd 2021

RE: 746 BARTON CTS LOCATION INAPPROPRIATE

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed supervised consumption site being put forward by the Aids Network at 746 Barton Street East in Hamilton. I am not against an injection site but I do not think this is the right area.

My biggest concern is that there are schools, churches, daycare, children walking past the site to go to school, and an agency that provides a day program to young adults with development and intellectual disabilities just approximately 40 meters from the proposed site.

According to the media in other cities in Canada there has been an increase in crime, overdoses, and so has the presence of drug dealers.

We have new business opening in this area who are struggling to survive due to covid-19. The Aids Network has not provided a solution to our problem.

I am a 78-year-old senior who will be living right next door to this site and there is another residence with 3 tenants on the other side. How are we supposed to protect our families are we supposed to board up our windows? lock our doors and never go outside to enjoy the comforts of our outdoor space.

I written to several Councillors, including the Mayor, Provincial and Federal Leaders who have not even replied. except one and the reply was this is a Municipal matter even though this problem falls under the Federal Drug Act.

Leaders have forgotten who worked hard to build this city live in this community and have retired here. How much more can this community take we have 3 cannabis stores, and 3 methadone labs in this area already.

I am very disappointed in City Council and the Board of Health for not having any concern for the safety of their citizens.

Norman Robinson

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