

December 3rd , 2021

ATTN: Loren Kolar, City Clerk

Re: Community Opposition to proposed consumption site at 746 Barton Street East

Dear Board of Health and City Council,

Please find attached 756 signatures on a petition of opposition to the proposed consumption site at 746 Barton Street East, put forward by the AIDS Network, and endorsed by Hamilton Board of Health.

LUSO organization also has 260 signatures on their petition.

The community is fully mobilized and intends to leverage this enormous support to its fullest extent to continue opposing the LOCATION of this proposed CTS. We are not against the service, but we do feel the site did not receive proper scrutiny or screening. A brief is being prepared for submission to the Provincial Ministry of Health (in opposition of funding for the program at the site proposed) and to the Federal Department of Health (in opposition to the granting of an exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.)

Sincerely,

Walter Furlan on behalf of the neighbours and businesses on Barton

Community Snapshot



X – 746 Barton Street East, location of proposed CTS. Currently occupied by a restaurant with a lease to May 2023.

1 and 2 - 740 and 748 Barton, occupied residential buildings immediately adjacent to the site, one owned by the residents, the other a rental.

3 - 747 Barton, Boxing Champion Gym – King of Kings, boxing and other programming for inner city children, run by a former Olympian.

4 – 752 Barton, African Caribbean Cultural Association – A charitable organization to “facilitate and foster community engagement and empowerment for all members of our community including youth.”

5 – 760 Barton, Portuguese Support Services for Quality Living, a charitable organization providing “a safe, supportive and caring environment for individuals & families living with physical and/or developmental disabilities.”

6 – 15 St Olga (fronts at 730 Barton), Holy Spirit Ukrainian Church, the Ukrainian Day School, and the Barvinok Ukrainian School of Dance, in addition to other community groups/events.

7 – 8 St. Ann St (fronts at ~720 Barton), St. Stanislaus Polish Church, hosts various community groups/events.

8 – 15 St. Ann St., St. Ann Catholic Elementary School; St Ann Early Years Centre

9 – 120 Sherman Av N (fronts at ~686 Barton St.), St. Ann Catholic Church, hosts various community groups/events.

Also of note, there are:

METHADONE CLINICS at:

- . Vista Addiction Treatment Clinic, **847 Barton St E**
- . The Stipley Clinic, **707 Barton St E**
- . ACT Methadone Clinic, **664 Barton St E**

MARIJUANA RETAILERS at:. Matrix Cannabis Company, **774 Barton St E**

- . Cannabis House Co, **800 Barton St E**
- . And one coming soon to **859 Barton St**

PETITION AGAINST THE CTS INJECTION SITE AT 746 BARTON ST. E, HAMILTON

Across Canada, CTS injection sites (Consumption Treatment Services) place a massive burden on their surrounding communities who report overall INCREASES in crime, loitering, littering, discarded needles, overdoses, EMS calls, and confrontations with aggressive addicts. Studies have shown a migration of unhoused addicts that relocate close to the site from surrounding neighbourhoods.

Site operators mislead politicians about the pros/cons of these facilities, and sidestep communities in order to quickly get sites open and operational before the public has a chance to voice reasonable objections.

Applicants for a new facility at 746 Barton St E (in the O Leao Café, between Barnesdale and Lottridge) are attempting to quickly open this site with zero input from our community: its residents, a nearby care facility, schools, churches, and business owners.

It is critical that we raise our voices to tell the city and province that our dear community is absolutely the wrong place to locate this facility.

We, the undersigned, are against locating a CTS (Consumption Treatment Services) injection site at 746 Barton St. East because we are deeply concerned about increased crime, loitering, littering, overdoses, EMS calls, and other related problems that this facility will bring to our community; we were never meaningfully engaged in advance by the site's applicants regarding their plans; and we were not consulted by the City of Hamilton regarding this important public safety matter.

Name (printed)	Signature	Address	Email (optional)	I am : <input type="checkbox"/> Resident, within _____m
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The Petition contains 1016 signatures

**A copy of the petition is available for viewing
in the Office of the City Clerk**