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Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON  
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Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Resolution Regarding the Closure of Safe Consumption Sites**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

**WHEREAS one person dies every 2.5 hours from the toxic drug supply in Ontario;**

**AND WHEREAS Safe Consumption Sites, also known as Consumption and Treatment Sites, have been instrumental in preventing thousands of drug overdose deaths;**

**AND WHEREAS crime statistics from the Waterloo Regional Police Services indicate that the Kitchener Consumption and Treatment Site has not been linked to an increase in crime in its vicinity;**

**AND WHEREAS closing Consumption and Treatment Sites will lead to increased drug use in public spaces;**

**AND WHEREAS the closure of these sites would place additional strain on emergency services and the healthcare system;**

**AND WHEREAS Consumption and Treatment Sites offer access to other health and medical services, aligning with the objectives of the HART hub planned by the Ontario Government;**

**AND WHEREAS healthcare should emphasize prevention as well as treatment;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Region of Waterloo Council urges the Ontario government to continue funding all currently operating Consumption and Treatment Sites beyond the proposed termination date in March 2025.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government is encouraged to maintain funding for the proposed HART hubs.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Health Minister and to municipalities that currently have an operating Consumption and Treatment Site/Safe Consumption Site.**

**And be it further resolved that the Ontario government does not take steps to pass legislation that would prohibit the establishment of temporary Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS).**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact William Short, Regional Clerk/Director, Council & Administrative Services, at [RegionalClerk@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RegionalClerk@regionofwaterloo.ca).

Regards,



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