

As a parent who resides on Main Street, it's incredibly important that the sudden decision to place a safe injection site at 150 Main Street be thoroughly examined. The suddenness of council's decision on October 12 clearly demonstrates a lack of fully considering the long term implications of this folly. My faith in the democracy of our municipality has been imploded, save for the brave and appropriate actions of Coucillors Leggett and Ermeta to not be railroaded into a hasty so called wraparound solution.

Is this is to be the solution, this flagrant disregard for children attending Central Public School? It is within viewing distance and a less than 5 minute walk from their 'safe' site - their playground. We must balance the needs of the addicted against those who are yet even more vulnerable. Must the children, plus working citizens and new immigrants who require the existing services at 150 Main, continue to endure loud and offensive language, belligerent panhandling and the ceaseless debris of the homeless?

There is urgency to save lives. But at the cost of planting seeds of an uncertain future Galt? I am not speaking out of fear, I am speaking with conviction in the knowledge that I face every day as I go to work past this building. The bottleneck as emergency vehicles block a high traffic artery. The challenge of accessing GRT bus stops safely. The cars as they speed down the sharp curve. The likelihood that this much needed CTS site will rapidly outgrow this location, spilling over, unable to relocate.

Think - do not force a hasty solution. You have deliberated - yet not enough. 150 Main is a bandaid on a complex problem. It is NOT the solution.

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