

Mayor McGarry and City Council Members,

I am writing to you again this year to urge you to continue listening to the vast majority of Cambridge residents who do not support a Consumption Treatment Site in Cambridge.

Cambridge is my home. I also own a rental property on Roseview Ave. occupied by two young families. As owners, we have had to endure and pay for years of theft, trespassing, violence and vandalism. Our tenants no longer feel safe living and raising a family there. Adding a site will exacerbate all of these issues to a point where we too will no longer want to live, work and invest in Cambridge.

It is naive to accept that because the people invested in getting paid by a STS/CTS site have declared Kitchener successful that a similar set up will work in Cambridge. Kitchener has extensive established support services that have been in place for almost 40 years as well as a geography and a population large enough to absorb some of the negative impacts. Cambridge will offer nothing but a 'safe' space to continue to destroy oneself at the expense of our local businesses, schools and neighbourhoods.

People are badly misled in thinking that a CTS site without an extensive community of services will make any kind of meaningful impact. It is the bare minimum, and it is appalling and irresponsible.

A CTS site sends the message that persons suffering with addiction are not worth saving. They are supported in their addiction and a supervised death. CTS sites do not work. Cambridge cannot support supervised suffering.

Please lead the way in offering more support, rehabilitation and housing. Do not condone the destruction of lives and communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sarah Bourbonniere