

****Please ensure my email is included on the agenda for the council meeting scheduled on Tuesday October 12, 2021. Item 7.1.1 re: 21-293****

Dear Council,

Once again, I find myself emailing you to voice what appears to be a majority opinion (based on the recent survey results), that the residents of Cambridge do not want to see a CTS site in their city. Not in any location.

Instead, we are asking Council to consider mental health and rehabilitation facilities to help those with addictions. Progressive "harm reduction" policies have ruined neighbourhoods in Canada and the US. We see the disastrous results in Vancouver's east side, San Francisco, Portland, etc. It's obvious after years of experimenting that these approaches are not working and we need to get back to helping those with mental health and addiction problems get the help they need to get back on their feet - not prolong their suffering. There's no point in referring an addict to rehabilitation if there are no openings for months.

Our neighbourhoods have been terrorized by crime and disturbed individuals. Adding a CTS site to any neighbourhood will further exacerbate the current situation (have you walked down Main Street or by Bridges lately?) by inviting individuals to an area to buy and use drugs and then be left to wander the surrounding neighbourhoods further addicted.

Again, PLEASE use the funding, resources, and energy you are currently expending on a solution that most residents disagree with, and redirect it towards a solution that will garner greater support and be more effective in the longer term.

No location in Cambridge (or Ontario) is suitable for a CTS site.

Sincerely,
Nuno Silva