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Hello Mayor and Council

I have delegated before but choose this time to send an email.

I am writing in support of locating a CTS site in Cambridge.

No site choice will be perfect, so it is easy to poke holes in this process. Let's instead focus on the positives that have occurred in other communities located close to us.. I think it is very important to listen to those folks who provide these services in other communities. Certainly we have had time to listen and learn from neighbouring communities who have had sites up and running for a few years now.

I would caution about listening to those who have had no direct experience with these services that would come with a site in Cambridge.

I notice that several of the objections seem to think it is a binary choice between having a site and providing more support to those who are struggling with addiction or mental health issues, Why wouldn't we have both?

We can only provide that help to those who are still alive.

I was able to talk to a former member of the Guelph Downtown Health Centre and they had nothing but positives about how the site was functioning. From what I see in the press the Kitchener site is proving to also be successful.

I am sure you have access to all the data including how fiscally a site makes economic sense even if you discard the compassionate side of the debate.

Please support the next steps necessary to have a CTS located in Cambridge.

Sincerely

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