

From: [M. C.](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Your voice is needed about a Cambridge CTS
Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021 11:02:37 PM

Dear Cambridge concil,

My email letter from March 2021 is still valid. Please direct funds to the Police, let them work and allow them to clear our city from drug dealing.

My family and I will never support a CTS.

Below I forward my original email for a recap on our position.

Sincerely,

Michel L. Chagas

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From: Michel Chagas <mlchagas@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021, 17:48
To: council@cambridge.ca
Cc: Citizens for Cambridge
Subject: RE: Your voice is needed about a Cambridge CTS

Council of Cambridge,

My family and I OPPOSE to the CST in Cambridge.

Firstly there is nothing positive about (if you ever went to Kitchener downtown when it is dark you would understand how bad it is) and I am stunned by the patronizing paragraph *"Unfortunately, Councillors are still hearing loud messages from a small group of Cambridge citizens who continue to argue that a CTS will increase drug use and cause harm to local residents and business owners alike. They want CTS banned from ever coming to our community. We have carefully observed the implementation of a Guelph CTS and a Kitchener CTS. Both have produced very positive results that refute negative arguments.."* Absolutely NO ONE

is in favor of it, at least no one I know who lives in the entire Cambridge / Waterloo / Kitchener is ok with it.

Secondly we came from Vancouver, a city completely changed to worse due to those “progressive” policies that filled many great spots of the city with drug dealers and its “customers” (victims). We left Vancouver for Ontario due to that as well. We can’t raise kids in a place like that and we won’t think twice about moving away from here if we ever see any of this in our city. Consequently taking our Tax Payment away from this Community.

Thirdly you should be focusing on eliminating the drug dealing in our city, not validating / normalizing its consumption. REFUND OUR POLICE AND ALLOW THEM TO WORK! Only then treat the population / victims from this hideous crime, by providing them the detox needed for them to think clearly. They cannot think straight under effect and reviving them from OD is not the way.

Lastly although Canadian Citizens my family and I came from Latin America, from a place that still suffers from Drug Cartels and the “collateral” violence. ALL of this is a consequence of several things allowed by the Government. It is all good until authorities lose control and the cartels take charge. We saw that once and it hurts us a lot to see that Canada might be going in the same path.

Sincerely,

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From: Citizens for Cambridge <info@citizensforcambridge.org>

Sent: March 21, 2021 1:13 PM

To: mlchagas@live.com

Subject: Your voice is needed about a Cambridge CTS



**Your voice is needed:
Cambridge Council to make key CTS decision**

Your voice is needed in support of some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

On Tuesday, March 30, Cambridge City Council will consider a city staff report on possible locations for a Consumption Treatment Site (CTS) for citizens-in-need in our community. The staff report and meeting agenda will be posted next week.

We have been engaging with the city to try and expedite the process. While we have not seen the report, this is what we understand may take place . . .

Following adoption of the staff recommendations - very important at this meeting - a neighbourhood consultation will take place for any proposed locations, leading to selection of the final location.

At that point, the Region (responsible for Public Health) will work on clinical plans with health care agencies, seek provincial/federal approvals, plus secure funding.

Thankfully the Region already has experience and a successful track record with CTS which should speed up the schedule. As part of the Provincial approval/funding process, the city must endorse a CTS location, that's why Cambridge City Council, in view of their past concerns, has been granted this location-selection part of the process by the Region.

A CTS is a centre where those who are dealing with addiction can safely consume a drug in the presence of health care support staff. Such a location ensures that treatment is immediately available if a drug is laced with a lethal substance. It also provides a personal connection to helpful wrap-around services critical to improved health outcomes, including overcoming addiction.

Unfortunately, Councillors are still hearing loud messages from a small group of Cambridge citizens who continue to argue that a CTS will increase drug use and cause harm to local residents and business owners alike.

They want CTS banned from ever coming to our community.

We have carefully observed the implementation of a [Guelph CTS](#) and a [Kitchener CTS](#). Both have produced [very positive results](#) that refute negative arguments.

It's time for Cambridge to follow the lead of the province and many progressive cities across Ontario.

It's time to recognize how much a CTS location is needed to target overdose deaths and significantly reduce the costs related to unsafe drug use that falls on taxpayers.

We believe that implementing a Cambridge CTS with wraparound services is an important action for our councillors to take.

While a CTS cannot eliminate the opioid crisis, it's a necessary, life-saving and health improvement mechanism critical to the effectiveness of our community's response.

Your city councillors need to know their community is behind them. Please make your positive voice heard in support of CTS. Encourage moving ahead with CTS location assessments.

You can help - please email Cambridge council before March 30 at council@cambridge.ca - your letters make a difference!

If you wish to share your thoughts directly to council on March 30, you can [register as a speaking delegation here](#).

Thank you.

Keith Rivers
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