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Dear Elected Officials,

According to the latest article in the Cambridge Times, the recent public input survey shows that over 70% of The Cambridge residents and businesses are not in favour of a CTS site anywhere in Cambridge. This should be no surprise since it is the third such consultation effort over the last few years organized by the Region and City that have all come back with over whelming responses from the people in rejecting a site, in spite of the strong efforts by some councillors, health care bureaucrats, social service providers and our very bias media sources pushing for a site. (how many times do the people of Cambridge have to be called in humane, cruel and uncaring by our so called neutral media)

With all the effort that has been put on Cambridge over the last 5 years to accept the need for a CTS, and the highest support you can find is only 30%, just maybe (is it possible), that CTS is not the answer? Interesting situation we are now in. Do we operate as a democracy, and do what the majority of the constituents are asking, or do we continue to behave in a way that says “we the elected officials know better?”

I realize this is a very difficult issue, but it is not complicated, but yes very difficult, there is a difference! Difficult because we are dealing with death, and when faced with having to tell victims families the truth about what should be done to stop it, we begin to bend as they grieve. Instead we need to stand straight, look them in the eye, hold their hand if they will let us and tell them the truth. Making it easier for love ones to continue to use and engage in dangerous, unhealthy behaviour is never the answer. Education, effective communication, counselling, rehab, detox, tough love, empathy (not sympathy) and most ultimately setting boundaries is what is needed. When we do this, we then provide real hope!!!

It is time to listen to the people of Cambridge and do what they expect. Stick your neck out, great leaders don't follow they take charge. We don't need to follow Guelph, Kitchener, London, Ottawa and certainly Vancouver. Now is the time to insist on getting proper funding for the services we need to curb this crisis instead of prolonging it. And I might add, each and everyone of you have a responsibility and duty to your citizens to address the situation at the Bridges, our homeless shelter, as to why it has become the epicentre for drug overdose. Why does their still seem to be a lack of oversight at this facility? Clearly it continues to be a big problem.

I hope you can find the courage to do what is needed and not bend to political will.

Sincerely,

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