

December 18, 2025

Subject: Re: Injection Site on Henry Street

I'm writing this letter in support with others who feel the location of the new site for the proposed injection site should not move forward or be situated in a different location.

There are many concerns from organizations and community residents in the area that feel for the safety of children and young people who live or attend school in the area of Henry Street.

Many residents live with many barriers already in this part of the city and having this site opened will just add to the barriers for safety and crime for children and youth.

I agree with the residents that are asking for a reversal of change for the relocation of the site mentioned.

Respectfully,
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January 2, 2026

Subject: Consumption Site

Hon. Bernadette Smith,

I am writing on behalf of myself and Believers Church to express our grave concern and disapproval of the planned safe consumption site on Henry Avenue. This site is located just a short distance from our church campus. We know what it is like to operate in the inner city and our church does a lot of great work to support those struggling with addiction. We have a weekly Christ centred addiction program called Celebrate Recovery that we have offered for the last six years. That being said, we do not buy into the safe consumption site model, nor do the dozens of people who attend our church who are now clean and sober, they know it doesn't work. We are concerned about the safety of the 300+ people who worship regularly at our location. We have activities happening nearly every day of the week at our campus. Already we deal with vandalism, theft and disruptions in our services by those who are under the influence of drugs and alcohol. How do we promote our church as a safe environment when now we will have this site located just down the street? This site will continue to enforce the stigma and the fear that already exists towards this neighborhood. This consumption site is like giving water to a drowning man, or in this case a drowning neighbourhood. How anyone in our government can think that this is a good move for our community is beyond my comprehension. It is decisions like this that will continue to force good people out of these communities. As a church, our growth is already hindered by our location. People from outside this neighborhood are afraid to come here. By placing this consumption site this close to us, makes further growth for us even more difficult. It is sad when our government makes the work we are trying to do in a difficult area, even more difficult. Please do not put this consumption site in our community.

Thank you,

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