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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in my capacity as Principal of Victoria Albert School to express my concern regarding the proposed safe consumption site on Henry Avenue, particularly due to its proximity to the new Indigenous Arts and Culture Centre located at 287 Laura Street.

Many of our students and families are expected to access the Indigenous Arts and Culture Centre for programming, cultural learning opportunities, and after-school activities. This Centre represents an important and much-needed space for students in the Centennial neighborhood to engage in Indigenous arts, culture, and community-based learning in a safe and supportive environment. Opportunities of this nature are limited in our community, and the Centre will play a significant role in supporting student well-being, identity, and connection.

Given the Centre's focus on children and youth programming, I am incredibly concerned with the placement of a supervised consumption site within 250 meters of this location. Families may understandably have concerns about safety and comfort when accessing programming for their children, which could directly impact participation and limit the positive benefits this Centre is intended to provide to students and the broader community.

Victoria Albert School values partnerships that enhance opportunities for our students and strengthen community connections. The Indigenous Arts and Culture Centre is an important partner in this work, and its success is directly tied to the perception of safety and accessibility for children, families, and educators.

Thank you for considering the impact this proposed site may have on students, families, and community-based educational and cultural programming.

Sincerely,

Ashley Morrison
Principal
Victoria Albert School

December 16, 2025

Subject: Community Concerns Regarding Proposed Safe Use Site Location

Dear Premier Kinew,

I am writing as a concerned school principal regarding the proposed safe use site located near the Flora House Community Center. I recognize and respect the intention behind safe use sites as a public health measure aimed at reducing harm and saving lives. However, I have serious concerns about the suitability of this particular location.

The community center serves as a vital space for families, children, and youth. It hosts recreational programs, after school programs, and community events that are essential to the well-being of our neighbourhood. Placing a safe use site in such close proximity raises legitimate concerns related to safety, accessibility, and the overall sense of security for those who rely on this shared space.

Residents are worried about increased foot traffic related to drug use, the potential presence of discarded needles, and the impact this may have on children and vulnerable community members. While harm reduction is important, it should not come at the expense of other community services or the comfort and safety of residents who use the community center daily.

I respectfully ask that the government reconsider this location and engage in meaningful consultation with local residents, community center staff, and families. Exploring alternative sites that are better suited and appropriately distanced from spaces primarily used by children and families would help balance public health objectives with community well-being.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these concerns. I hope for a solution that supports those in need while also preserving the safety and integrity of our community spaces.

Sincerely,
Camie Lawson
Principal of Dufferin School