

A special public meeting was held on the above-mentioned date commencing at 1:00 p.m.

This meeting was held in person in Woodstock City Hall Council Chambers, 500 Dundas Street.

The meeting was called for the purpose of seeking feedback on the possibility of locating a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Woodstock.

All Members of Council were present. Mayor J. Acchione chaired the meeting.

1. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest** - none

2. **Disclosure of New Business**

3. **Additions to the Agenda**

4. **Delegations**

The following delegations spoke in favour of a CTS Site in Woodstock. The following comments were made:

Delegations	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ninh Tran, Medical Officer of Health, Southwestern Public Health• Valerie DiGregorio and Carrie Duff, CMHA Thames Valley Addition and Mental Health Services• Dr. Joel Hamilton, Sonya Scholarchos and Sarah Irwin, Oxford County Community Health Centre• Lynn Wardell, Oxford Mental Health• Megan Van Boheemen, Oxford Mental Health• Kelly Kilson, United Way• Erin McMohan• Dr. Jitin Sondhi• Brian Quigley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are in the early stages of exploring local solutions, and this meeting allows the conversation to continue.• This is one of many solutions necessary (ex: harm reduction) in conjunction with others. Drugs will not be provided at the CTS Site; it is only providing a safe place to use what they already have.• Saving lives so users are alive and ready to receive help when the time comes. CTS is a gateway for treatment options. It is a bridge between using and seeking help.• Provided with wraparound services.• Provision of a continuum of services.• Encourage Council to wait until phase 2 of the study is completed before any decisions are made.• No fatalities in a Canadian CTS Site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits users in need when paramedics and hospital ERs are full. Able to redirect people in need so they can be helped in a timely manner. • Drug use is not intentional, it is an escape from pain. Fear of stigma prevents people from seeking help. • Contrary to another comment made, it was not the methadone clinic's opening in Woodstock that brought issues to the City—that was coincidental. It was the introduction of fentanyl. • Traces of fentanyl can be found in other drugs, so users are not always aware of what they are using. • Many individuals using fentanyl today started off with prescription opioids.
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The following delegations spoke in opposition of a CTS Site in Woodstock. The following comments were made:

Delegations	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Shaw and Nancy Shaw • Jasmine Moulton • Betty A Pearson • Darryl Randal • Robert Montgonery and Michelle Montgonery • Christine Sawyers • Rebecca Surette • Warren Hamilton • Mike O'Bright • Anthony Scalisi • Timothy Gibney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term funding concerns. • Question of how efficacy is measured. • The growing problems with drug use and homelessness appear to have begun around the same time the methadone clinic opened in Woodstock. • Recalled experiences in neighbouring municipalities like Hamilton. • Support existing programs instead. • Safe injection sites enable users. • If the CTS site is not going to be open 24/7, users will continue to use it throughout the night. • A withdrawal centre is preferred. • Recalled experiences as a user and dealer. People only seek help in desperation, not when they are comfortable. • Efforts are more effective when meeting the users in encampments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin by addressing the starting point for drug use. Educate people on the negative impacts of drugs instead. • Encourages relapse if the service is readily available. • No protection for the neighbourhood around proposed location. • Impacts property value of neighbourhood.
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The following delegations were neither in favour nor against a CTS Site in Woodstock. The following comments were made:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wesley Mitchell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Woodstock is fragile. It is increasingly difficult to convince customers to continue to visit their business. Downtown is not the location for this. • Harm reduction to some should not come at the cost of harm increases to others.

Consideration of Delegations

Moved by Councillor M. Schadenberg
 Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That Woodstock City Council receive the presentations made by delegations ‘a’ through ‘w’ as information.

Carried.

5. Comments from the Public

Moved by B. Wheaton
 Seconded by K. Leatherbarrow

That Woodstock City Council receive the emailed comments from members of the public as information.

Carried.

6. Consideration of Correspondence

Moved by L. Wismer-Van Meer
Seconded by C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council receive the correspondence from Oxford Coalition for Social Justice and Oxford Mental Health and Addictions Actions Coalition as information.

Carried.

7. Adjournment

Moved by K. Leatherbarrow
Seconded by B. Wheaton

That the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

Carried

Mayor – Jerry Acchione

Deputy City Clerk – Sunayana Katikapalli