



Formerly St. Christopher House

July 4, 2016

Dear City Councillors and Members of Toronto Board of Health,

I write on behalf of West Neighbourhood House's Board of Directors and staff to support the recommendations of the City staff's report on Supervised Injection Services in Toronto.

West Neighbourhood House sees the need for supervised injection services and believes that the evidence at this time strongly indicates improved outcomes regarding overdose prevention and other public health benefits. We support the recommended model with several service sites located in existing community and public health facilities. We also support the need for additional funding for these organizations to operate supervised injection services.

West Neighbourhood House staff witnessed and participated in several well-attended community consultations about local supervised injection services. We note, with thanks, the respectful dialogue and constructive problem-solving in these sessions led by Queen West Community Health Centre and our local City Councillors.

Given all of the above, in our view, the City of Toronto is in a strong position to get an exemption from the federal legislation regarding supervised injection services. We appreciate the City's leadership supporting this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen Fair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maureen Fair
Executive Director