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Nancy Martins
Committee Administrator
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Dear Ms. Martins,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the consultations regarding the proposed Safe Injection Site (SIS) at Dundas and Victoria Streets. We appreciate the information shared through Toronto Public Health (TPH) presentations and discussions.

While there is no easy solution to the circumstances the SIS is proposing to address, we do agree that harm reduction is critically important. We are also supportive of initiatives that offer help and practical options for at-risk populations.

In representing our students and campus community, we do want to express some concerns about this project. Though the data presented during the consultations did help us to gain an appreciation of the level and types of services provided by TPH, and a better understanding of the added value that the SIS process and facilities are designed to offer, we want to know:

- 1. How SIS processes will be evaluated;
- 2. What constitutes success for the SIS; and
- 3. What updates can we expect on the project and when

We look forward to continuing to partner with you, and other key stakeholders, in discussing issues that may arise as the SIS is implemented. We join with you in caring deeply for the people of our city and our neighbourhood. Ryerson is dedicated to inclusion and hope for the future and these are values I know we share.

Sincerely,

Mohamed Lachemi

cc. Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto City Hall