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To Whom it May Concern,

I am responding to calls for input about the proposed rehabilitation treatment centre commonly known as The Canadian Centre for Addictions to be located at 420 Division Street.

Obviously predicting future issues that may or may not arise from the creation of such an establishment is not a perfect science. I am left to refer to a like situation in another community. Fortunately, we do not have to look too far as there is the same type of facility in Port Hope. In conversation with the Port Hope Police Service, the operation of such a facility has had little to no impact on those policing responsibilities specific to the proposed usage. Furthermore, we were advised that there has always been a very strong collaborative working relationship with the facility program director and managers.

When considering the location of that facility on Division Street, I must rely on the Background report and the Comment response and Matrix. From that I can glean a few points. First, this is not a daily “drop-in centre” or emergency shelter. This is a fee for service rehabilitation centre where clients are receiving prescribed treatment in a very structured setting. It is self-contained and with the background information, there is no day to day commitment to assisting some of the most vulnerable in Cobourg. There was some future looking suggestions where the Canadian Centre for Addictions could assist at the street level, but that is not part of the business model as I understand it.

Moving forward, the land use compatibility as part of the re-zoning would have minimal impact on adjacent land uses and neighbourhoods from a policing perspective. Should the business model stray from what is proposed, obviously there would have be reconsideration of this.

Sincerely

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