I'm writing as a proud member of the downtown community and resident of Guelph.

Since moving to Norfolk Street in 2015, the downtown has become a less desirable place to shop, walk, and enjoy with friends and family. There's an uneasiness that comes with large numbers of people doing drugs in public areas.

Mayor Guthrie's motion seems to provide a great balance between helping those with hurts, additions, and mental illness, and the requirements of a safe, civil city. I strongly recommend council look at the motion as an opportunity for positive change for all citizens.

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