Good Afternoon,

As you are having an emergency meeting come August 28th 2024 I wanted to bring my concerns to your attention, as I'm sure many others are as well.

I both live and work in Guelph, I have chosen to move and leave Guelph as it does not hold true to its reputation being a safe community it once had. Upon graduating University I bought a home in Guelph because of our downtown life, it was the perfect atmosphere to live and grow.

Now I make every effort possible to avoid going downtown – except, unfortunately I work downtown.

I cannot count how many times I have been scared to enter our building because someone is having a drug episode outside of our doors. I have seen things I wish I never had, been screamed at, threatened, and am fearful somedays when I come to work.

We urge our employer often to pick up and leave the downtown core because of what it is turning into. This is unfair for those of us trying to keep our downtown core businesses running.

This is even more frustrating because it feels as though you don't look out for us that work down here. It feels as if you spend more time and energy monitoring parking than it does keeping the drugs off the streets downtown.

I am sure none of this information comes as a surprise to you. My hope is if enough people email their concerns something may be done to help us.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

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