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Attention: Trista Di Lullo, ACST, Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment of the City of Guelph
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Mayor Cam Guthrie
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Subject: Application Number A-10/20, 739 Woolwich Street

To: The Committee of Adjustment of the City of Guelph

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Ms. Di Lullo,

Together with Jim Jarrell, I am co-chairing a Campaign to create Youth Wellness Hubs in our region. We are working diligently to create services for youth that address mental health issues including, but not limited to, addiction and substance use disorders.

I understand that you are considering a request to permit a retail store selling cannabis to open at 739 Woolwich Street, close to what will be the new site of the Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington (CMHA WW).

CMHA WW provides services to those seeking mental health and addiction support, and it is my understanding that their planned new location on Woolwich Street will focus on supports for children and youth. Should this permit be granted, we will be putting those children and youth at risk each time they seek help at this location.

I would strongly encourage you to reject this application. As a community, we must support our residents, including youth, by ensuring that help is available to them where and when they need it, and not allowing obstacles, such as a cannabis store, to get in the way of their wellness and recovery.

I wish to express my personal and heart-felt gratitude for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,
Rose Zen-Soligo, RP

