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Patricia Cliché, Coordinator
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Dear Patricia:

**Re: Response/Comments- Choosing a New Direction: Solutions to End the
Drug Poisoning Crisis in Ontario**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the Municipal Drug Coordinators Network of Ontario (MDSCNO) policy proposal.

The City prepared the Community Safety & Well Being in North Bay Plan (CSWB Plan) in 2021. In 2022, Council approved a budget towards Community Safety & Well Being. A number of the issues identified in the MDSCNO policy proposal are identified in the CSWB Plan. I would encourage the Committee to work closely with our staff on the implementation of the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

The majority of the proposed policy solutions are consistent with what we have learned about the crisis at hand by undertaking the CSWB Plan. However, we will not offer an opinion whether to declare an Emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. The responsibility and use of this legislation lies with the Province and should be determined by the Province.

The Community Drug Strategy North Bay and Area's work in the community is recognized and appreciated. Thank you again for providing us an opportunity to review the proposed policy solutions and offer our input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al McDonald".

Al McDonald
Mayor