



March 29, 2023

London City Council
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6B 1Z2

RE: Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of Pillar Nonprofit Network, I am writing to say thank you for your support of the Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response.

For more than 20 years, Pillar Nonprofit Network has championed cross-sectoral collaboration between and among governments, businesses, and the nonprofit sector as the three pillars of collective community impact and positive change.

We were pleased to participate in the Health and Homelessness Summit, and heartened by this collaborative and cross-sectoral process, with individuals and organisations from across the community coming together with a commitment to do things differently, together.

We believe that building trusting relationships is a critical part of our work, and we applaud City staff for its early leadership in this effort, modelling the heart and courage to genuinely include participants from community health and social services, institutional healthcare, education, emergency services, business and economic development, philanthropy, land and housing development, City of London staff, and staff from other levels of government.

Councillors, your endorsement has propelled us all into the next critical part of this work – system governance and implementation - and we look forward to seeing the same balance of urgency and trust-building that has characterised this collaboration to date. We welcome and support this opportunity for system transformation and look forward to helping in every way we can to build out this whole of community response for the benefit of all Londoners and, especially, for those among us who are often excluded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Cassidy", written in a cursive style.

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