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The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C. M.P.
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Hajdu:

Re: Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan


At the District of Kent's March 22, 2021 Regular Meeting, Council received correspondence from Lyn Hall, Mayor of the City of Prince George, advocating for the ongoing implementation of the National Overdose Action Plan.

Our Council strongly supports the Federal government's immediate action in declaring the overdose crisis as a national public health matter. We agree that a comprehensive Pan-Canadian overdose action plan with input from people most affected by the crisis, reforms from other countries and provincial representation will significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma.

We appreciate the harm reduction efforts instituted by many of our Federal, Provincial, and local service providers; however, more must be done to protect those individuals and their loved ones who are at the mercy of this serious health crisis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Pranger
Mayor

c: Brad Vis, MP, Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon
Lyn Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George

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