

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY DRUG STRATEGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATE: JUNE 18, 2021 TIME: 10 to 11 a.m.

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING



**Co-Chairs:** Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health

**Sudbury & Districts** 

Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police Service

Present: City of Greater Sudbury (CGS):

Steve Jacques, General Manager, Community Development

Tyler Campbell, Director, Social Services Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS): Sheila Weber, Deputy Chief of Police Public Health Sudbury & Districts: Josée Joliat, Public Health Nurse

Sandra Laclé, Director, Health Promotion Division and Chief Nursing Officer

Shana Calixte, Manager, Mental Health and Addictions

**Guest:** Richard Rainville, Executive Director, Réseau ACCESS Network

**Recorder:** Manon Tessier, Divisional Administrative Assistant, Public Health Sudbury & Districts **Regrets:** Daniel Despatie, Inspector, Patrol Operations Division, Greater Sudbury Police Service

#	ltem	Description of Outcome	Individual Responsible for Further Action and Deadline
1.0	Call TO ORDER/ROLL CALL	Dr. Sutcliffe called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.	
		Richard Rainville was welcomed as a guest for the Supervised Consumption Services discussions.	
2.0	TERRITORIAL	Dr. Sutcliffe acknowledged the ancestral Indigenous	
	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	territory upon which this meeting was occurring.	
3.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The agenda was reviewed and approved as submitted.	
4.0	REVIEW AND APPROVAL	The approval of the minutes from the previous meeting	
	OF MINUTES –	were deferred to the next meeting.	
	February 26, 2021		
5.0	APPROVAL/DISCUSSION ITE	EMS	
5.1	Supervised Consumption	Executive Committee members were informed that the	
	Services Application	Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) application will be	
	Process	ready for submission as soon as a location is determined.	
5.2	Urgent Public Health Needs		
	Site Application	On May 25, 2021, Public Health Sudbury & Districts,	
		Réseau ACCESS Network and the Greater Sudbury Police	
		Services presented, to the Greater Sudbury City Council,	
		the urgent need to find a location for permanent	
		supervised consumption and treatment services. The presentation was well received and City Council agreed	
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		to: (1) work with the Community Drug Strategy Committee and its partners to assess all possible properties and locations (included but not limited to private, municipal and other lands) that could possibly serve as a supervised consumption site; (2) continue to support the presentation of a federal application for a supervised consumption site; and (3) provide an update to City Council at its June 15, 2021 meeting.  Support from City Council was also received to move forward with a more immediate term strategy by applying for an Urgent Public Health Needs Site (UPHNS)—a temporary site which will operate while the Community Drug Strategy and its partners continue to work on establishing Consumption and Treatment Services, funded through the province. City Council agreed to fund the operating budget for the UPHNS for a period of three years.  A funding agreement will be established between the City of Greater Sudbury and Public Health Sudbury & Districts for the UPHNS. Public Health Sudbury & Districts will establish a transfer payment agreement with Réseau ACCESS Network who will be operating the site.  VALE approached Chief Pedersen to offer assistance. A meeting will be called to explore further.	
5.2	Urgent Public Health Needs Site Application	At Tuesday evening's council meeting, councillors voted unanimously to direct staff to move ahead with establishing a temporary SCS site and committed up to \$800,000 for setup costs. At this meeting, the Energy Court location was chosen as a suitable location to provide these services.  An application has been prepared to send to the federal government for an exemption to operate the site, however the next step is to secure funding for the SCS.	



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5.3	Insights; Supervised Consumption Services Education Campaign	In response to the request to have more anti-stigma messaging as it relates to Supervised Consumption Services provided to our community, the Community Drug Strategy Communications Working Group had completed filming a series of clips to provide "insight" and education about these services from various leaders in the community. The campaign was anticipated to be launched in the spring to showcase various experts throughout the year but was however put on pause.  S. Calixte shared that questions and requests for information about the UPHNS or SCS are often received via the Community Drug Strategy email account or telephone line which are, at times, vetted through the Communications Working Group.  A discussion took place and S. Calixte agreed to share the Community Drug Strategy email address (CDS@phsd.ca) and telephone line (705.522.9200, ext. 278) with members of the Executive Committee, as well as develop and share a Question and Answer document that could be used as a reference tool when questions and requests are received from the community in order to be better able to respond in a consistent manner.	S. Calixte
5.4	Public Health Agency of Canada Evaluation Recommendations	Five of the six deliverables were completed, and both short-term and long-term recommendations to improve the surveillance system were developed. Currently in the process of completing the final deliverable which is summarizing the results through a report and presentation due June 30, 2021.	
5.5	<ul> <li>Leadership in the North</li> <li>How two doctors in Timmins tackled their city's opioids crisis</li> </ul>	Chief Pedersen shared a Globe2Go article he received on "How two doctors in Timmins tackled their city's opioids crisis". Following a discussion, it was agreed that an email response be drafted with a focus on safe supply and that the article be further shared with chairs/co-chairs of the Community Drug Strategy treatment pillars.	S. Calixte



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		Dr. Sutcliffe added that the Northern Medical Officers of Health are establishing a community of practice among their health units to support each other and shine a bright light on the the issue of opioid use with the Ministry.	
6.0	NEXT MEETING DATE	Friday, September 24 – 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
7.0	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.	