

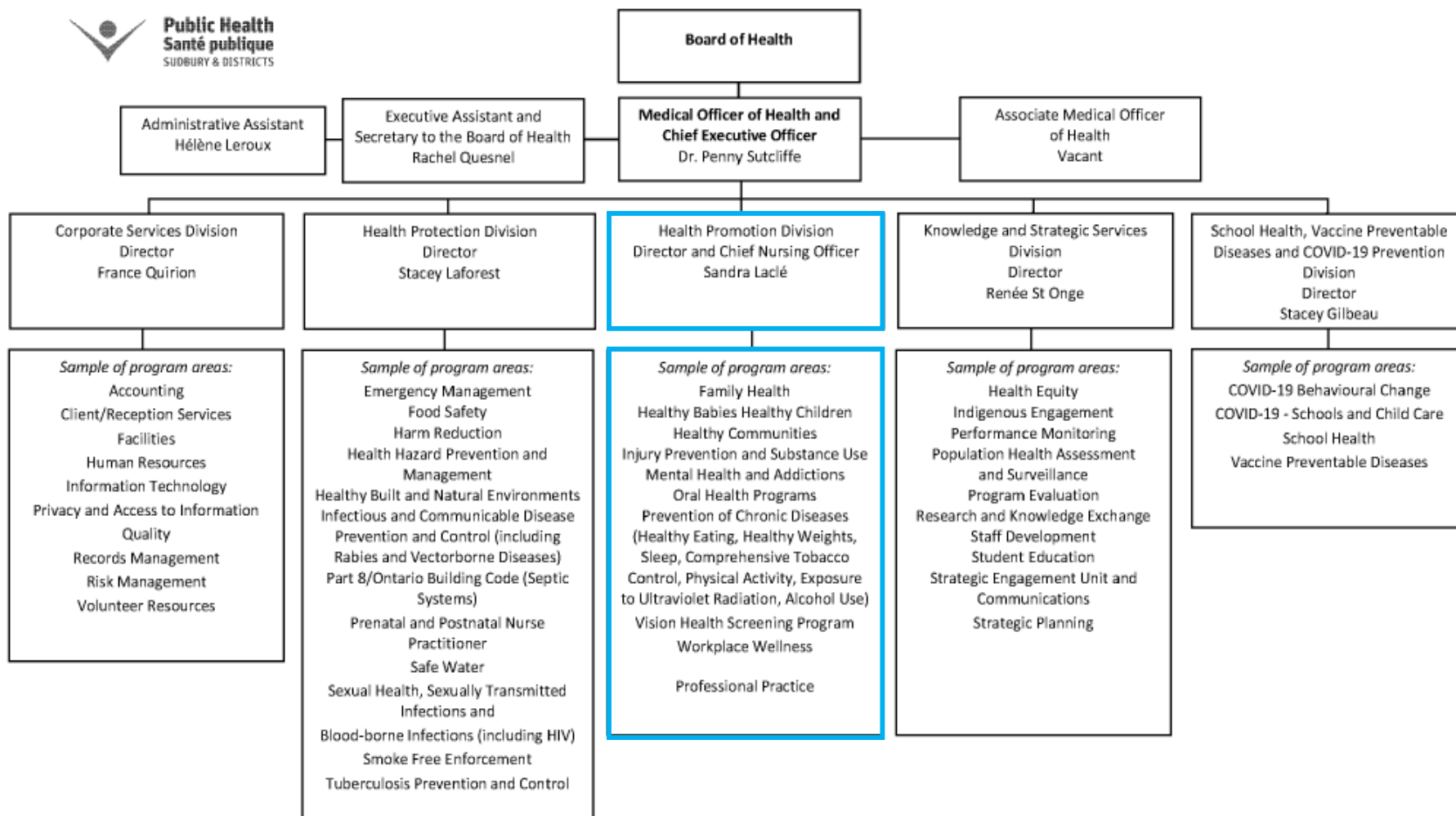
Supervised Consumption Site: Status Update

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Overview

- Supervised consumption site
- Processes for provincial and federal applications
- Community Drug Strategy progress

What can we do?

Immediate	Medium-term	Long-term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• safe consumption (e.g. Urgent Public Health Needs Site, STOPS)• naloxone• sterile supplies (e.g. needle exchange)• outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• supervised consumption sites• safe supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• anti-stigma• prevention• housing• social determinants of health

What are these services?

- Supervised Consumption and Treatment Sites (Provincial)
- Supervised Consumption Services (Federal)
- Safe space to use pre-obtained drugs
- Supervision by trained professionals
- Access to sterile supplies, peer support and safer-use education
- Point of contact for other health and social services for those who are interested

Impacts of SCS

In other communities, these services have been shown to:

- reduce opioid overdoses and hospital visits,
- reduce opioid overdose deaths,
- reduce infectious disease such as HIV and hepatitis C,
- increase access to basic health care services such as wound care,
- reduce public consumption of illegal drugs,
- reduce publicly discarded syringes,
- decrease unsafe injection practices (for example syringe sharing),
- increase access and referrals to health and social services,
- improve the health of people who use drugs, and
- be cost-effective solutions for health systems.

Federal and provincial applications

Application for exemption under 56.1 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*:

In Canada, possession of controlled substances is prohibited under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. To operate a supervised consumption site (SCS) for medical purposes in Canada, an exemption under section 56.1 of the Act is necessary.

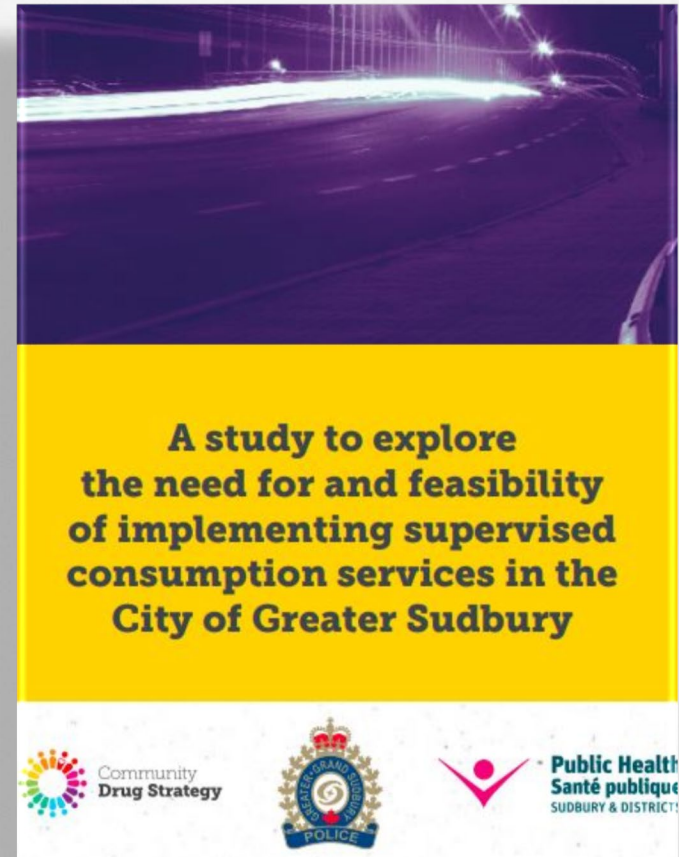
Application for funding under Ontario's Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) Program:

Ontario is augmenting Health Canada's SCS program to include requirements for treatment and support services. Applicants must demonstrate their proposed service meets federal requirements, as well as additional requirements under Ontario CTS program.

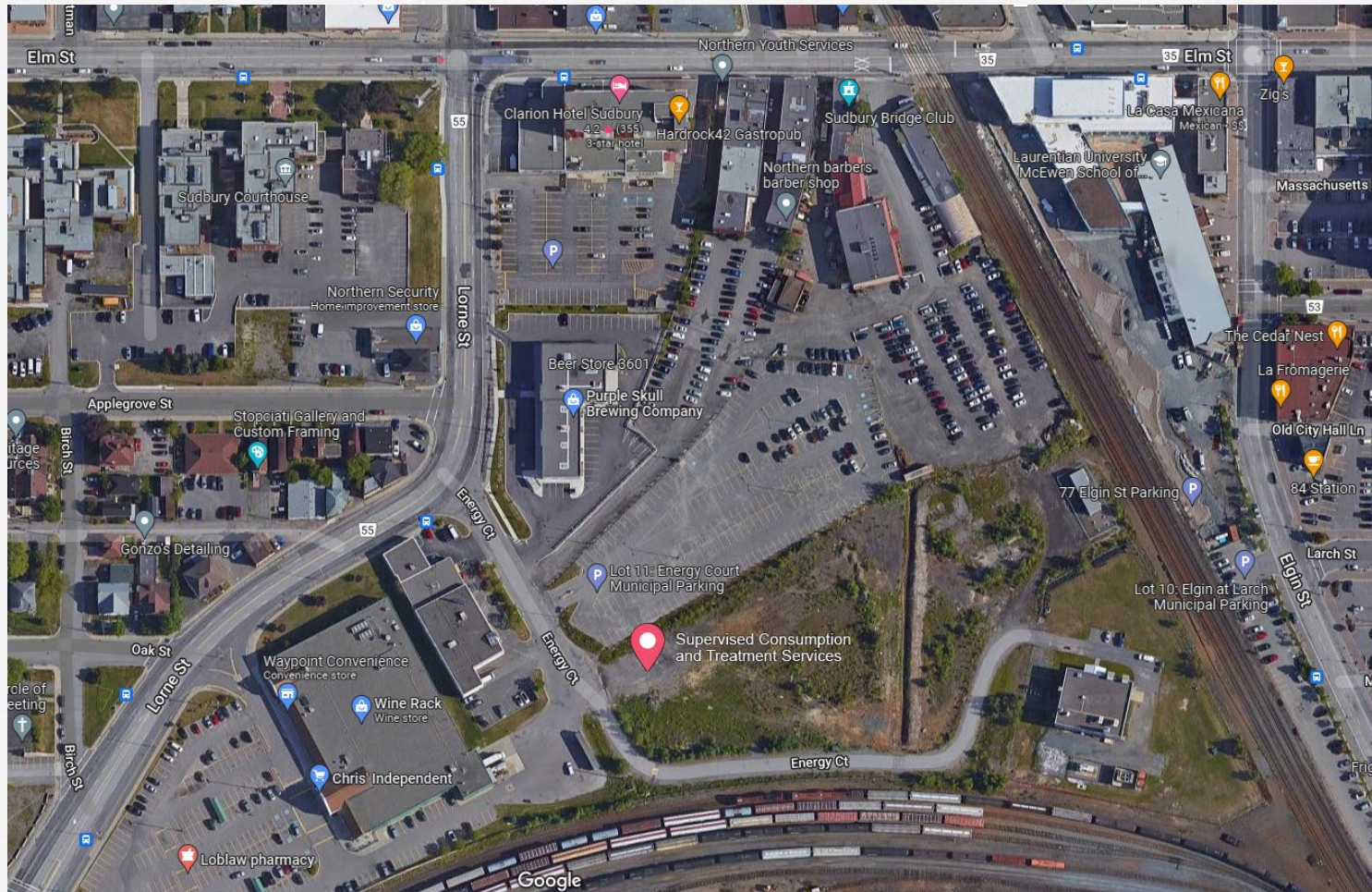
Supervised consumption sites

Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (June 2020)

- **190 surveys** with people who inject drugs
- **2251 respondents** to a community-based survey
- **13 focus group sessions** with stakeholders from community including businesses and friends and family of people who inject drugs
- **60 people who use substances** were asked specific questions regarding preferred location and hours
- Secondary data from health and social service providers
- *Key findings:* we need a location ASAP and downtown is the preferred location

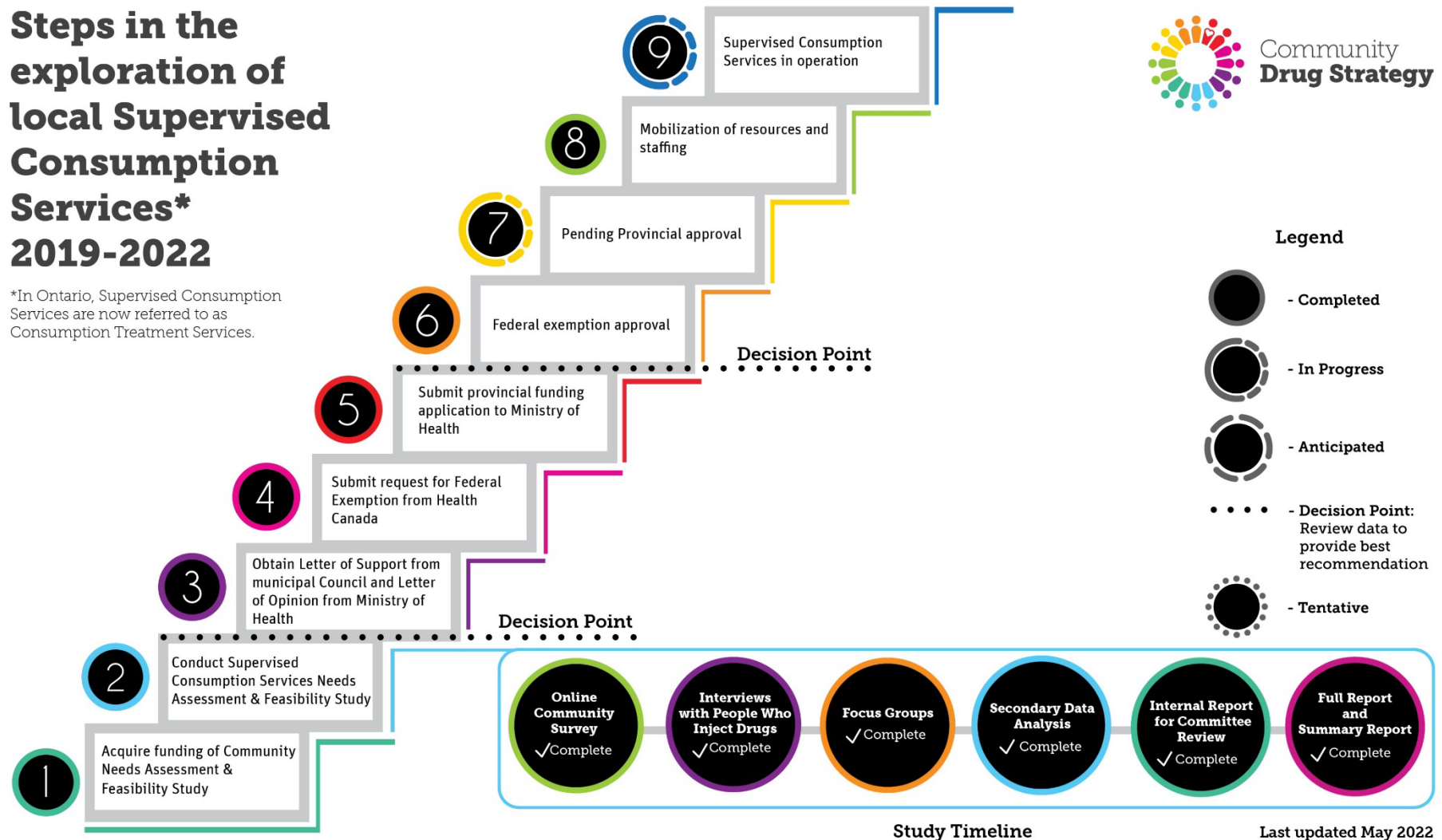


Location - 24 Energy Court



Steps in the exploration of local Supervised Consumption Services* 2019-2022

*In Ontario, Supervised Consumption Services are now referred to as Consumption Treatment Services.



Where we are at

Occupancy of
location

Service
manager

Hiring
additional staff

Stakeholder
and Advisory
Committees

Release of
INSIGHTS

Granted
Federal
exemption



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