

Addendum: Board of Health Meeting

Meeting # 03-25

Thursday, April 17, 2025

1:30 p.m.

Boardroom, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

ADDENDUM – THIRD MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 17, 2025

7.0 ADDENDUM

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

i) Drug Toxicity Crisis in Greater Sudbury

- Letter from the Greater Sudbury Police Service Board to the Minister of Health dated April 16, 2025



The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
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April 16, 2024

RE: Drug Toxicity Crisis in Greater Sudbury

Dear Minister Jones,

At today's meeting of the Greater Sudbury Police Service Board, the Board reviewed and passed the following motion:

WHEREAS in 2021 the Mayor of Greater Sudbury released a statement committing the City to working with community partners to advance our efforts on treatment, prevention and harm reduction locally; and

WHEREAS Public Health Sudbury and Districts passed "Motion #14-21: Local and Regional Opioid Crisis: Sounding the alarm" affirming a deepening drug crisis in the Sudbury area; and

WHEREAS Public Health Sudbury and Districts passed "Motion #39-23: Drug/Opioid Crisis Leadership Summit" for a local leadership summit on the escalating drug toxicity crisis; and

WHEREAS the Summary Report of the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs was released in early 2024; and

WHEREAS the Board received a presentation on January 22, 2025, from the GSPS Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) reviewing the current state of drug issues in Greater Sudbury, including the seizure of over 2,000 grams of fentanyl in 2024; now therefore

THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Service Board recognize the undue burden the Toxic Drug Crisis places on community services in Greater Sudbury, including



health services, policing services, and community assistance services, and declares the Toxic Drug Crisis in Sudbury an epidemic; and further,

THAT in light of this epidemic, the Board requests that the Government of Ontario and other vested stakeholders increase the funding and resources for such services to meaningfully address and end this epidemic in Ontario; and

THAT this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Health, and the City of Greater Sudbury.

It is the Board's hope that this motion will add support to the voices already working to address drug toxicity in Ontario. Through highlighting the steps already taken to address this issue we hope the province will move to increase the resources to relevant provincial and municipal entities to meaningfully address this issue that is causing harm to communities all across Ontario.

Sincerely,

Gerry Lougheed, Jr.
Chair

cc.

Sara Cunningham, Chief of Police, GSPS
Members of the Board
Greater Sudbury City Council
Public Health Sudbury and Districts