



A black and white naloxone kit with a red cross and the word 'NALOXONE' is lying on a concrete sidewalk. Next to it is a small white packet and a white marker.

BARRIE SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITE APPLICATION

May 27, 2019

City of Barrie General Committee Meeting

Dr. Lisa Simon, AMOH, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Matt Turner, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Gilbert Centre

Brent Tottie, Peer Advocate, The Lighthouse

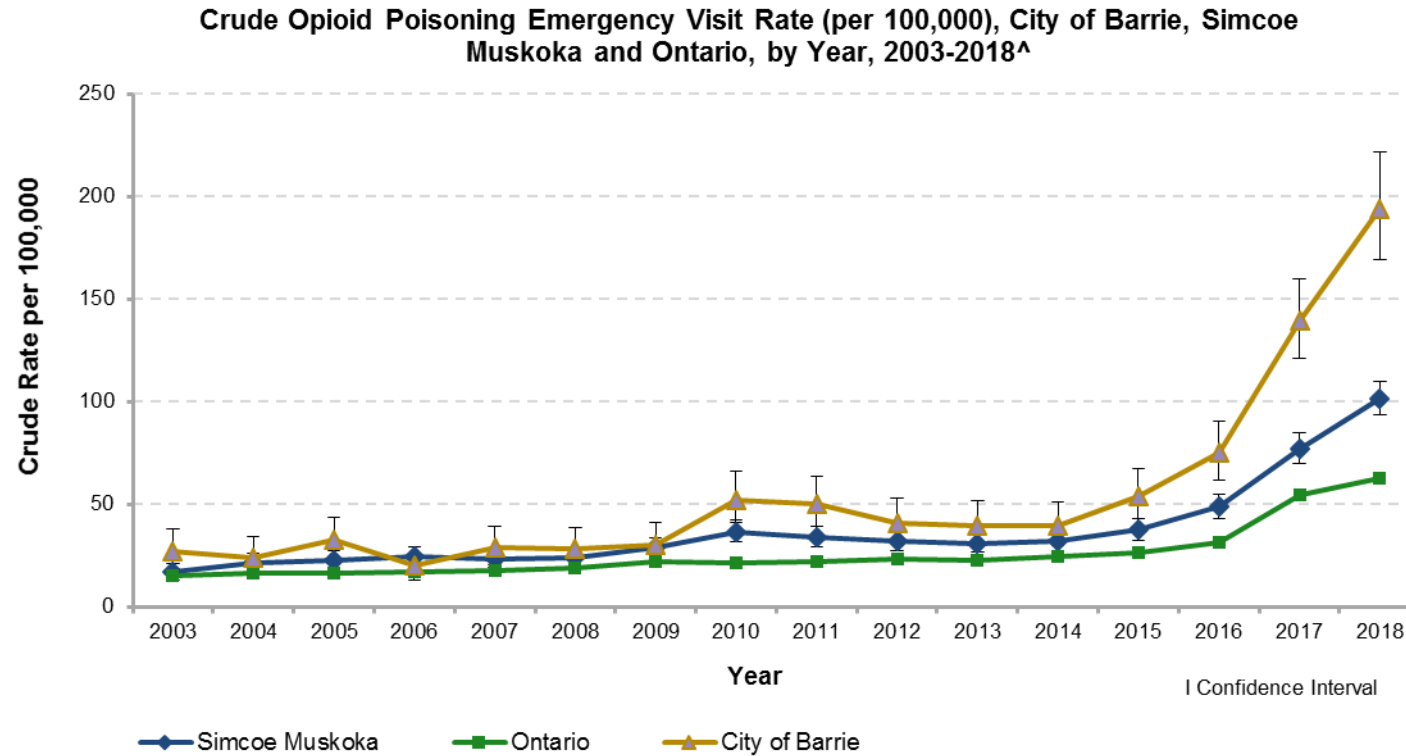
REQUEST OF BARRIE CITY COUNCIL



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BARRIE CONTINUES TO FACE AN OPIOID CRISIS



[^]2018 City of Barrie data only includes January - September

SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITES: KEY OUTCOMES



1. Prevent overdose deaths and unsafe injection practices
2. Increase access to health and social services, including addiction treatment
3. Decrease community harms and costs, including public injection and publicly-discarded needles

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT – JAN-MARCH, 2019



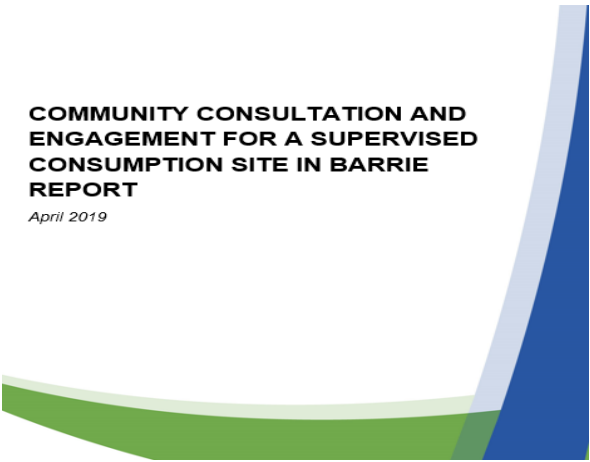
2,039 People completed the online survey

47 People with lived experience of drug use completed the survey with a community partner agency

24 Community stakeholders participated in consultations

Potential Benefits of a SCS in Barrie (all sources combined)

- Reducing drug use in public
- Reducing risk of injury and death from drug overdose
- Reducing the number of used needles on the streets and in parks
- Help lower risk of diseases such as HIV, Hep C
- Help increase use of new drug-related equipment for each injection
- Act as a bridge to other services and connect clients to additional supports in the community
- Creating a safe and supportive environment for a client



**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND
ENGAGEMENT FOR A SUPERVISED
CONSUMPTION SITE IN BARRIE
REPORT**
April 2019

Concerns of a SCS in Barrie (all sources combined)

- Encouraging more drug use
- More people who use drugs would be in the neighbourhood
- Safety of community members
- Potential for increase in crime and drug trafficking
- Increase in vulnerable population in the community

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REPORT



Service Delivery Model



NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING - MAY 15, 2019



- Engagement and education were provided re: SCS location, operations and mitigation strategies
- 105 people attended
- Feedback received from participants through discussions and in writing
- Primary concerns of participants included:
 - Safety of residents in the neighboring community of the SCS, including seniors and young families
 - Safety concerns related to David Busby Centre clients will get worse with opening of SCS
- Some participants voiced support and encouraged urgent action:
 - *“The consumption site was well thought out and I feel proud to be paying taxes towards this initiative. I hope that positive results will be shared with the community so that people can understand the good it does.”*

MITIGATION STRATEGIES



1. Community and Client Safety
2. Ongoing Community Engagement
3. Public Education and Awareness
4. Site Selection
5. Access to Wrap Around Services

Other Application Components

SITE SELECTION - 90 MULCASTER ST



Key considerations:

- Client access:
 - Within 1 km radius of where drug use occurs, and walking distance of *open* drug use
 - On a bus route
- Sensitive land uses:
 - No less than 100-200m from a child care centre/park/school
- Co-location with wrap-around services
- Suitable physical space
- Consultation feedback re: location



Photo Source: Barrie CTV, April 24, 2019

Connections offered anytime during client visit as appropriate, particularly at intake and aftercare room:

- Addictions treatment

- *Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic (RAAM), RVH Residential Withdrawal Management Services*

- Mental Health Services

- *Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County*

- Primary Care Services

- *CMHA Nurse Practitioner (NP) Clinic and a foot care clinic, Registered Nurse onsite at all times, Wellington Walk-in Clinic*

- Social Services

- *David Busby Street Centre, Barrie Native Friendship Centre, Elizabeth Fry Society, Youth Haven*

- HIV and HCV testing

- *Gilbert Centre, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Sexual Health Program*

OPERATION OF THE SCS



- Staff Model: 1 Registered Nurse, 2 Harm Reduction Workers, 1 Peer, and 1 Security Guard per shift plus casual staff as needed.
- Open 7 days a week, 0700 am- 0100 am
- 4 Injection Booths with a foot washing station, connected to the injection room
- Separate office space to provide onsite counselling/testing as well as wound care
- The SCS is approx. 1000 sq. ft.
- Operating annual budget approx. \$1.5 m



LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR SCS APPLICATIONS



- Newpath Youth and Family Services
- Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH)
- RVH Addiction Services and NSM Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic
- Georgian College
- Barrie Public Library
- Barrie Taxpayer's Association
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- Barrie Community Health Centre
- Catholic Family Services Simcoe County
- John Howard Society Simcoe & Muskoka
- The Salvation Army
- Youth Haven Barrie
- Empower Simcoe

VISION FOR AN SCS IN BARRIE



A supervised consumption site that saves lives and builds a safer community, by providing dignity for people who use drugs while enhancing the wellbeing of the neighbourhood.

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