

Barrie Police Service Board of Directors,

July 4th 2019

On Monday June 25th 2019, Barrie City Council voted to defer the decision to consider an endorsement of the Safe Consumption Site (SCS) application to October 2019. When this vote was ratified, I tabled an amendment that Barrie City Council ask Barrie Police to provide Barrie City Council with a memo outlining the possible financial and operational implications if a SCS were to be approved and located in the City of Barrie.

Unfortunately, that amendment failed a vote.

Considering that Mayor Jeff Lehman made it clear that we should have all the information we need before the SCS recommendation comes back to Barrie City Council in the fall, and to not leave request for information to the last minute, I was surprised and shocked that the amendment failed.

While it may not be an amendment, it is within my scope, and most importantly, within my duty to ask for such information. I have been in contact with Mayor Jeff Lehman and Chief Kimberly Greenwood, who both encouraged me that I direct my request to the Barrie Police's Board of Directors. As such, I am contacting you as the Board of Directors of the Barrie Police Service with the request that Barrie City Council is provided with a memo outlining the possible financial and operational implications if a SCS were to be approved and located in the City of Barrie, by September 30th 2019 at 4:30 p.m, so that we have it by the time whether or not to endorse an SCS comes back to Barrie City Council. In addition to that information, I also believe it would be prudent to include in that memo to Barrie City Council metrics about Barrie Police resources, both operational and financial, that have been allocated to opioid-related events, including but not related to overdoses, calls for service at the Barrie Library, businesses, and residential homes, and extra calls for service in neighbourhoods where an SCS is established, amongst others metrics that the Board feel are relevant. Including metric information from enough years back before reported opioid-related events began to spike would assist us in quantifying the existing impact opioids are having on our Barrie Police.

While it may be difficult to quantify how Barrie Police resources would be different from a facility that has not been created yet without knowing what location is proposed, I trust in the Board's ability to reach out to other Police Services that have had a SCS established in their community, review their change in operations, and provide Barrie City Council with a general operational and financial overview of what changes we can expect if an SCS were to be approved.

This request for information keeps in line with the Barrie Police Services' Strategic Priorities of Ensuring Public Safety and Security, Enhancing Community Mobilization and Engagement, Developing and Engaging our People, Promoting Organizational Sustainability, Delivering Quality Service, and knowing how other municipalities' police force had to adapt to an SCS is vital information for Barrie City Council to have as we deliberate this issue, and something we owe to all Barrie residents, especially those in the neighbourhoods where an SCS could potentially locate.

I would also request an acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

I look forward to your response to my request, and to the memo with this information by September 30th 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Regards,

Sergio Morales

Barrie Ward 9 Councillor

cc: Chief Kimberly Greenwood, Chief Cory Mainprize, Barrie Mayor Jeff Leman, City of Barrie CAO Michael Prowse, Barrie City Council, City Clerk Wendy Cooke, Dr. Lisa Simon, Gerry Croteau, Barrie Advance, www.BarrieToday.com, CTV News Barrie, Corus Radio, www.Barrie360.com
