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### **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE GILBERT CENTRE REGARDING THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA OPIOID STRATEGY**

Mr. Matt Turner, Harm Reduction Coordinator with The Gilbert Centre provided a presentation concerning the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy.

Mr. Turner discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Background on the Provincial Opioid Strategy;
- The timeline for the Overdose Prevention Site application;
- Statistics for Simcoe Muskoka and Ontario for Opioid Poisoning Death Rates, Deaths by Month, Emergency Room Visits for Poisoning and Overdose, Opioid Poisoning by Income and Opioid Overdose Number by City;
- Mr. Turner highlighted the relatively high statistics for Simcoe Muskoka compared to the overall Provincial Statistics;
- Maps illustrating opioid overdose emergency department visits for 2011-2016 and 2017 for the City of Barrie;
- The causes of overdose and the very small quantities of Fentanyl and Carfentanyl that can result in an overdose;
- The Overdose Prevention Site overview and potential services provided; and
- The highlights of research completed in support of the Overdose Prevention Site application.

Members of Council asked a number of questions of the presenter and received responses.