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### **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT CONCERNING THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA OPIOID STRATEGY**

Dr. Rebecca Van Iersel and Dr. Lisa Simon with the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit provided a presentation concerning the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy. Dr. Van Iersel and Dr. Simon discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background on the Opioid Strategy;
- The “Lived Experience Video Series”;
- The results of the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy Lived Experience Survey;
- A graph illustrating a comparison the Opioid Poisoning Emergency Visit Rate from 2003 to 2018 between the City of Barrie, Simcoe Muskoka and the Province of Ontario;
- The need for an Opioid Strategy;
- The development of a local approach for the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy, including Action and Foundational Pillars;
- The Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy Steering Committee Members;
- An Indigenous Opioid Strategy and Action Plan for North Simcoe Muskoka;
- The phases of the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy Action Plan;
- The Foundational Pillar: Lived Experience;
- The Foundational Pillar: Data and Evaluation;
- Action Pillar 1: Prevention and related goals;
- Action Pillar 2: Treatment/Clinical Practice and related goals;
- Action Pillar 3: Harm Reduction and related goals;
- Action Pillar 4: Enforcement and related goals;
- Action Pillar 5: Emergency Management and related goals;
- The next steps in the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy;
- Information associated with a proposed supervised consumption site for Barrie; and
- The role for City Council in support of the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy.

Members of Council asked several questions of the representatives of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and City staff and received responses.