

From: [Linda Wait](#)
To: [Brown, Mia](#)
Subject: Support for Proposed Barrie Supervised Consumption Site
Date: May 17, 2021 9:06:50 AM

May 16, 2021

Canadian Mental Health Association - Simcoe County
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and
Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy
c/o Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
15 Sperling Drive
Barrie, ON L4M 6K9

To whom it may concern:

Re: Support for Proposed Barrie Supervised Consumption Site at 19 Innisfil St.

I am writing to offer my support for a supervised consumption site in Barrie, Ontario, and the proposed location of 19 Innisfil St. (also known as 80 Bradford St. Unit 940).

While the choice of 19 Innisfil St. may not be the site most readily accessible for the people it looks to service, I do understand the applicants have determined that this site offers the best balance between serving clients effectively and ensuring an acceptable fit within the surrounding community. I applaud the efforts made by all parties in coming to an agreed upon location.

The high rate of toxic opioid-related overdoses in Barrie has been a growing concern impacting the health of our community. During the first 8 ½ months of 2020, 47 individuals lost their lives due to opioids, which is double the rate experienced during the same time period the previous year. The central north area of Barrie (which includes downtown) continues to be significantly impacted. We acknowledge that Barrie is in a crisis when it comes to opioid/toxic drug overdoses, and lives lost.

Having a supervised consumption site will benefit our entire community – both those who are using drugs and the surrounding community – through reducing overdose and toxic drug fatalities, reducing public injecting, enhancing pathways to treatment, reducing the risk of HIV and Hepatitis C from needle sharing, and promoting a safer environment for drug use.

I also acknowledge the work that has been done in our region to date, including by Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) member agencies, to decrease the stigma of those using drugs, to increase access to treatment, to educate the community on root causes of substance use with a goal of enhancing prevention efforts, and on harm reduction practices including engaging the community regarding a potential supervised consumption site.

I look forward to continuing to be part of the discussion regarding the important role of an SCS in helping to address the opioid crisis.

Sincerely,
Linda Wait

From: [Maryanne Strano](#)
To: [Brown, Mia](#)
Cc: CityClerks@barrie.ca
Subject: SCS
Date: May 16, 2021 4:45:56 PM

My husband and I are writing to offer our support for the need for a supervised consumption site in Barrie, Ontario, and the proposed location of 19 Innisfil St. (also known as 80 Bradford St. Unit 940).

The choice of this site follows from the process undertaken by the applicant and co-applicant, and advised by the SCS Site Selection Advisory Committee, to conduct comprehensive property searches and community consultations. Through this, the applicants have determined that this site offers the best balance between serving clients effectively and ensuring an acceptable fit within the surrounding community.

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We believe that having a supervised consumption site will benefit our entire community – both those who are using drugs and the surrounding community – through reducing overdose fatalities, reducing public injecting, enhancing pathways to treatment, reducing the risk of HIV and Hepatitis C from needle sharing, and promoting a safer environment for drug use.

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Sincerely,

Maryanne Strano,

Robert Lewis-Watts,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roam + Ramble Photography](#)
To: [Brown, Mia](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Proposed Barrie Supervised Consumption Site at 19 Innisfil St.
Date: May 16, 2021 8:52:15 PM

To whom it may concern:

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Sincerely,

Antonia Botas
Barrie business owner and resident

From: Kathy Brislin

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 2:57 PM

To: Brown, Mia <Mia.Brown@smdhu.org>

Subject: Endorsement of Safe Consumption Site at 19 Innisfil Street / 80 Bradford Street

This is to advise that I fully support the chosen site of 19 Innisfil Street, also known as 80 Bradford Street for a SCS.

I believe that the chosen site presents the best balance between serving clients effectively and ensuring an acceptable fit within the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brislin

From: [Kathy Brislin](#)
To: [CityClerks](#); [Brown, Mia](#)
Subject: Proposed Consideration of a Safe Consumption Site at 19 Innisfil Street also known as 80 Bradford Street
Date: May 15, 2021 2:21:59 AM

I understand that the the Canadian Mental Health Association of Simcoe County Branch (CMHA-SCB) and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) will be meeting with the Barrie City Council on May 25, 2021, to seek endorsement of an SCS site in the City of Barrie.

Please forward this e-mail to Council to advise that I fully support the chosen site at 19 Innisfil Street, also known as 80 Bradford Street, as a Safe Consumption Site.

I believe that the chosen site presents the best balance between serving clients effectively and ensuring an acceptable fit within the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brislin