

Health Unit
Service de santé publique

July 27, 2015



Ms. Brigitte Sobush
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City of Greater Sudbury
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Dear Ms. Sobush:

Re: Presentation to the Community Services Committee on September 21, 2015

In accordance with City of Greater Sudbury Procedural Bylaws, specifically Article 11.02, we write to request consideration for the opportunity to present the "Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury: A Call to Action" to the Community Services Committee, at the September 21, 2015, meeting.

By way of background, this Strategy was developed as a partnership between the Greater Sudbury Police Service and Sudbury & District Health Unit along with well over 50 community stakeholders and agencies, including the City of Greater Sudbury. We are proud to have assembled the culmination of much research and planning that features the vision of "a healthy community mobilized towards working together to improve the health, safety and well-being of all individuals, families, neighbourhoods and communities in the City of Greater Sudbury by reducing the incidence of drug use and creating a society free of the range of harms associated with substance misuse." This vision aligns well with the city's new strategic pillar of "Quality of Life and Place."

This work aligns well with the City's Community Development Strategy through its work in five foundation areas, particularly in Social Services (income support, employment support and emergency shelters and homelessness), Leisure Services (parks, recreation, community partnerships) and Housing Services (affordable housing programs) and will impact the work of Emergency Services Department, specifically Emergency Medical Services, by potentially reducing calls for service due to substance misuse. Additionally, the work of the Drug Strategy will supplement the work of the Community Safety and Well-being Committee which is being jointly led by the Police and Community Development Department.

Our delegation seeks the support of the Community Services Committee to endorse the Community Drug Strategy and to further request that their support be recommended to Council for resolution.

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Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe

Medical Officer of Health and

Chief Executive Officer

Honourary Co-Chairs

Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury