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### Needle Recovery Bins

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### Resolution

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### Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

The syringe recovery and needle bin program addresses the issue of public health and safety by removing discarded drug using equipment from public places and forms part of the harm reduction strategy in the community.

The installations of the bins are in line with the Strategic Plan of Council in order to increase the Quality of Life and Place by reducing public exposure to discarded needles.

### Report Summary

This report identifies the locations of 4 scheduled installs for Syringe Recovery and Needle Bins based on recommendations by the Sudbury and District Health Unit, Greater Sudbury Police Services and Outreach Workers that work within the downtown core.

The four locations are as follows:

1) 200 Larch Street 2) Green Stairs by Ste. Anne's Road/Marymount 3) Melvin Street and Mabel Street (near the park) 4) Energy Court (behind 105 Elm Street and the Beer Store)

The report also identifies three further locations for bin placement and indicates that a business case has been submitted for the 2018 Budget to fund the request.

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## **Financial Implications**

The Community Development Department has scheduled the install of four syringe recovery and needle bins in the downtown core at the time of writing, which were purchased by the Sudbury and District Health Unit. The Social Services Division is funding the cost of pick-up and disposal for the last quarter of 2017, with under spent administrative dollars as a result of staffing vacancies.

The cost of scheduled pick-ups is \$607 per site and is expected to be scheduled on a bi-monthly basis. A 2018 Business Case has been developed to fund the pick-up and disposal cost in the operating budget on a permanent basis, as well as the installation of three additional units. The business case is subject to further review and approval by ELT, considering the variety of competing needs that exist for limited financial resources. For all seven units, the total annual operating cost is estimated at \$25,494 and the capital costs for the purchase/installation of three additional units is estimated at \$6,000.

## Background

A report was brought to the Community Services Committee in November 2016 outlining the proposed install of 2 syringe recovery bins. One was located in Hnatyshyn Park on a trial basis, which has been successful in reducing the number of discarded needles in the park and associated trail. The bins were purchased by the Sudbury and District Health Unit (SDHU) through a one-time Civil Remedies Act grant. The second bin that was received from the SDHU has been scheduled for install in the downtown core along with three additional bins that were also funded by the SDHU.

A copy of the 2016 report can be found here:

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?searchString=needles&comid=0&search=Search&startDate=08%2F23%2F2016&endDate=08%2F23%2F2017&searchInList=Agendas&lang=en&goSearch=1&pg=search>

### Locations and Install

Throughout the summer of 2017, Social Services had received a number of calls from Community partners regarding the high number of discarded needles being found in the downtown core. Social Services worked with community partners including the SDHU, the Greater Sudbury Police Service, and Outreach Workers that work within the downtown core, to determine a prioritized list for the install of syringe recovery bins. The SDHU has purchased three additional bins which means, at the time of writing, that four bins have been scheduled for install at the following locations:

- 1) 200 Larch Street
- 2) Green Stairs by Ste. Anne's Road/Marymount
- 3) Melvin Street and Mabel Street (near the park)
- 4) Energy Court (behind 105 Elm Street and the Beer Store)

An additional site identified by the group is the Leslie Street Bridge (entrance to the Trans Canada trail). Furthermore, an internal staff group is recommending two additional locations for future install including the Main Library branch on Mackenzie Road and a centralized bin located in Memorial Park close to Tom Davies Square.

## Next Steps

A business case for the 2018 Budget Process has been submitted for the capital cost to purchase three additional bins for the final three locations, along with the operating costs of pick-up and disposal of all bins on City property. Upon approval through the budget process, the three new bins will be installed in the spring of 2018 once the ground has thawed.