

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.