



## BACKGROUND

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### Details on the supervised consumption initiative for City of Barrie

- April, 2018: Gilbert Centre submitted an application, with Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe Branch as co-applicant, for a temporary overdose prevention site in the City of Barrie. The application was no longer valid following the provincial election, and release of new guidelines for applications in October, 2018.
- July, 2018: Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy released. Within the report, the harm reduction pillar's action plan calls for exploration of a supervised consumption site in 2019.
- November, 2018: Gilbert Centre, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe County, decide to be co-applicants for a supervised consumption site.
- The application will seek both federal and provincial approval for the site.
- To avoid confusion, the partners are using the term supervised consumption site in communications regarding the application. (Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care's term is Consumption and Treatment Services; the federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act refers to Supervised Consumption Sites.)
- Provincial approval requires City of Barrie Council endorsement and federal approval.
- Provincial approval also requires full public consultation.

### In the coming months

- January-March: Application partners will consult with community stakeholders.
- February-March: A public survey of people who live, work and go to school in Barrie will be conducted. A second survey will also be available, to obtain input from people who use drugs.
- March 20: A public open house will be held in Barrie City Hall.
- April: Results of the consultations will be processed. Public release of a report, date to be determined. Consultation results will inform the application.
- Spring 2019: Seek endorsement of the application by City of Barrie Council, followed by submission of application.
- The province has set a limit of approvals for sites across the province this year.