

SCS NEIGHBOUR MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday July 14th

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Facilitator: Sarah Gill, Health Promotion Specialist, SMDHU

Recorder: Jennifer Niven, Program Assistant, SMDHU

Organizational Representation:

Mia Brown, Program Manager, Substance Using and Injury Prevention Program, SMDHU | Cathy Eisener, Public Health Nurse, Substance Using and Injury Prevention Program, SMDHU | Lynne Cheliak, Clinical Director, CMHA | Meredith Fryia, Manager, CMHA | Rebecca de Witt, Director, CMHA

Participants Attended: 15

6:00-6:10	<p>Welcome, land acknowledgement and introductions (Sarah Gill, SMDHU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covered general housekeeping notes re: how to ask questions and muting of devices.• Land acknowledgement was completed• Round table introductions were completed
6:10-6:15	<p>Update on the SCS application process for this location (Lynne Cheliak, CMHA)</p> <p>High-level overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site was endorsed on May 31st by Barrie City Council.• Application will now be sent to the province of Ontario – Ministry of Health (MOH) and Health Canada.• The application process is involved with many elements. The application includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ a proposed site plan and local conditions document detailing data specific to the area.○ a requirement for extensive policy & procedure development including security procedures.○ a staffing plan and how service will be provided.○ The consultation report which includes all inputs from the various engagement strategies such as, deputations, this focus group, the online survey, neighbourhood consultation sessions and inputs from key stakeholders.○ A finance portion of the proposal.

- A plan to deliver the mandatory harm reduction services as well as a plan about wrap around services that will be provided or linked to including addiction and mental health support and treatment options, and referrals or touch down services provided by other social service providers e.g., housing etc. in our operational model.
 - A physical safety and security plan—a preliminary Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CEPTD) was done and a much more comprehensive one is planned by CMHA and The Barrie Police.
 - A plan to address issues of proximity, accessibility, and community engagement through an ongoing community engagement and liaison plan which may include things like these focus groups.
 - A detailed site design. We have engaged with an architect and engineer to develop a design base on the physical capacity of the building. We plan to maintain an effective working relationship with the landlord and the building management.
- Based on information we continue to collect; we will revise and review our elements that we have worked on. There will be ongoing opportunity for you to provide your feedback.

Feedback and or concerns with this proposed location concerns that have been identified
(Sarah Gill, SMDHU):

- Childcare provided in close proximity to the site
- The location of the entrance and the lack of privacy for the clients
- Potential loitering.

Additional concerns from participants:

Points of clarification from a participant:

“It’s a registered Wee Watch Day Care Provider – they are monitored by Simcoe County; it is not just a childcare out of someone’s home.”

6:15-6:25

“Our concern is not about traffic flow as in cars, it’s pedestrian traffic and construction traffic and the impact it will have on residential development and our neighbourhood. “

Additional concerns by participants:

“There will be five-story parking garage in an area that anyone can access and hang out will be a place for selling drugs, because they are bringing their own drugs to the facility.” “This will cause more people to bring more drugs and sell more in the area”. “This has been documented and the Dundas and Gerard location in Toronto has this issue right now.”

In response to the “nearby residential” community comment – “it’s the commercial unit that is in a residential community. “

Additional concerns:

11 Innisfil street – “There is currently no drug paraphernalia on this street.” “This is a misconception that this is a problem area, and when you discuss clean sweeps, we don’t see how this benefits Innisfil Street when the drug paraphernalia is on Maple Street, Toronto Street and Maria Street.”

Safety for residents and our children: “There is a variety of staff that work out of a home on Innisfil Street, and their safety may be at risk.” “SMDHU data shows that Milligan’s Pond has an existing issue, but it’s not on this side of the pond.” “The access on Boys Street is where the problem is. The problem is being brought here to where a problem doesn’t exist.”

“The original site selection committee hit the nail on the head the first time around.” “Then the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) had an issue, and now it’s a new site at 11 Innisfil Street.”

Overview of the proposed mitigation strategies and operational plans for the site (Lynne Cheliak CMHA/ Cathy Eisener, SMDHU)

6:25-6:35

- See mitigation strategies and operational plans.
 - High-level overview provided of both the planned mitigation strategies and operation plan as provided to the City of Barrie and to participants

Discussion of suggestions for both the mitigation strategies and operational plan documents (Sarah Gill, SMDHU)

6:35- 7:10

Mitigation Strategies Discussion		
Category of Mitigation	Concern/Suggestion	Response provided
Community and Client Safety	“The SCS sites that are successful are located in a medical facility.” “This one does not have that it has one washroom and one entrance.” “What are the plans for the safety of the patrons that are going to the Zumba class, shared parking and attached to the wall? ” “Only a few select neighbours were allowed at this meeting, the ones that participated in the May 31 st were the only ones asked to attend this meeting”	Regarding the Zumba class being next door. CMHA SCB will work with the business and to create mitigation strategies to address parking and other concerns that may arise. The SCS Site Selection Advisory process was provided in detail to the participants on the call. Based on the feedback and analysis from his process, 11 Innisfil Street was the site that met the most criteria. Ongoing dialogue will continue between the applicants and the surrounding community. The mitigation strategies for the site

			<p>will continue to be developed to address the ongoing and changing needs of the businesses and neighbors of 11 Innisfil St. Letter invitations for this meeting were also hand-delivered to the addresses along Innisfil St.</p>
		<p>“The location is only six and a half feet from the sidewalk.” “The sidewalk has a definite curve into a busy street. If you meet someone, you have to step off of it to go around. If you have a stroller, there is no space for you to step off.” Walkability – “already walkable area but has safety concerns- the clients being high walking around, they could fall on the road or fall out of the unit. “” There is no space outside of the building or the road to address this.”</p>	<p>There will be ongoing consultation with the City of Barrie regarding the site space. The applicants will also consult with the City of Barrie regarding other built environment concerns identified i.e., sidewalks.</p> <p>The applicants are working with the City of Barrie on a site plan. There will be ongoing collaboration with Barrie Police Services as well with regards to CPTED- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.</p>
		<p>Accessibility, parking proximity, anonymity for the clients and community consultation. Question asked about possibility of clients leaving and driving impaired.</p>	<p>The entrance will be fully accessible. There is a small green space that the landlord is allowing the site to use. The applicants are aware of the need to have the entrance accessible and will be looking at options to include a ramp. Client anonymity is a priority and will be addressed through specific mitigation measures.</p> <p>Parking –CMHA SCB reassured that the clients will be addressed the same way they are currently addressed when they receive services from CMHA SCB. CMHA would address the impaired driving concerns with the client and work with them to find an alternate way home. Most of the</p>

		people that access these sites are not driving. The applicants chose site options that were within walking distance to open drug use.
	“What about the school walk zone for elementary school students that walk on a daily business?”	School walk zone – The applicants will assess the neighbourhood morning and afternoon bus pick up and drop off times to determine opening hours of operation to eliminate line ups outside before opening and congregation outside when busses are dropping off. The same would be said for the timeframe for walking to and from school.
Ongoing Community Engagement	Virtual survey “it didn’t have 11 Innisfil Street as the address. It was 80 Bradford and the downtown location”	Noted- see SMDHU website for explanation of legal address.
	“Making our neighbourhood more walkable – it is walkable. We have streetlights, we don’t have needles on our sidewalks.”	Noted
	“All the way through the site selection process right up until the virtual meeting, there was confusion about the address;” “During the consultation sessions a neighbour sent a picture of the site, and it was not 80 Bradford Street, it was 11 Innisfil Street.” This site plan was not actually on 11 Innisfil Street after the May 25 th meeting.” “There was not a site plan made.” “Lisa Simon said that there wasn’t a site plan specifically for 11 Innisfil Street.”	Confusion related to the address has been acknowledged by the CMHA and SMDHU representatives Clarification is available: https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Drugs/opioids/Supervised-consumption-sites Clarification provided that a site plan can not be developed until a site has been chosen

	<p>Comment to response: “If they had visited the site prior to, there is no way they wouldn’t have seen the address plate card.”</p>	<p>Clarification provided that the site was seen before presenting to City Council.</p>
	<p>“How was the criteria evaluated? “</p>	<p>Participants were directed to the website for complete details of the site selection process</p>
	<p>“There’s a lot of conversation about existing SCS sites. These are all in community health centres.” “They are clinical buildings. This is 30 meters from houses and a childcare centre.”” It’s the last leg of a big business building.”</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>Ongoing community engagement – clarification about drug paraphernalia sweeps –in reference to the terms of references,” it sounds like it’s the responsibility of the community advisory group to complete these sweeps.”</p>	<p>Clarification provided. The SCS staff members from supporting outreach agencies will be responsible for needle sweeps. There are different organizations that do needle sweeps now, if there is a need, the site will plan for additional sweeps.</p>
Operational Discussion		
<p>Staffing</p>	<p>Clarification sought on the Operational Plans- “Will SCS Staff encourage the clients to stay in the aftercare space?”, “it’s not mandatory?” “They can leave anytime however high?” “Will there be security cameras and additional lightings?” “The security cameras will have a limited scope as to what is going on in the neighborhood.” “It faces 6 houses.” “The remainder of the neighbourhood (Perry and Eccles St) will have no benefit from the security cameras that you are proposing.”</p>	<p>The example of the After care within a vaccine clinic was used, citing the requirement to wait for 15 min afterwards. Some people may not want to do this. The SCS clinic is no different and will be monitored by a nurse. There will be a code of conduct within the site. The staff will work with the clients to ensure the criteria within the code of conduct is adhered. If the unwanted behaviour continues, there would be further discussion with the client at an appropriate time to address the concern. The client may be asked to take a short</p>

		break from accessing the site. What we have heard from other SCS sites is that there is a high degree of compliance because of the relationships built between the staff and the clients. There are always opportunities to engage and discuss resources and supports.
	Response to answer: “Covid comparison is not relevant in this situation.” “We are comparing individuals who got vaccinated for the greater good to people that have addictions.”	Noted
	“At all times there will be staff onsite and security as well?” “Is there a total number of staff?” “9:30am to 11:30pm?” “Security off hours?” “What about when the individuals come to access the site and realize that they are closed? “	There is a proposed vision for the operational plan. What we do provide is based on what we receive in approval and funding by the Ministry of Health. We want to maximize our vision for hours of operation and staffing. We may change our model to be more aligned with best practice and our other partners. We can grow or shift the site hours. Our goal is to have 4 staff on site and security measures in place. We do know what we want to ask for. Onsite security measures will be during business hours of operation.
Hours/Client Flow	“The daycare was invited this afternoon at 3pm. Not to the evening.” Childcare- “they were told they were at risk of losing heir business because of the SCS site.” “They have almost invested \$50,000 and now those families won’t have childcare.” “If this site was always 11 Innisfil, then you would have	Daycare – Clarified that the daycare provided across the street from the site was sent the invitation by email for the evening neighbor session and would have received the hand delivered letter both in their door and in the mailbox attached to the front of the house. The applicants will continue to attempt to reach the

		<p>had more feedback from neighbours but this whole time it was 80 Bradford Street.”</p>	<p>daycare provider to discuss potential mitigation strategies to address their concerns.</p>
		<p>“Looking at the provincial government CTS application guide. The Guelph location is different than your application.”. Regarding the CTS application guide – “the place has to be accessible.” “The steps are on a 45-degree angle.” “How is that accessible?” “Parking?” “Clients to park, get high and drive away?” “The set up in Guelph is very admirable. They have CTS site 3 feet across the hall from harm reduction office.” “Why would this site not be put inside 80 Bradford where the original site was proposed?” “Then it was 19 Bradford?” “Why not tuck it behind the Harm Reduction office?” “They can walk in anonymously through the back doors and no one would see them.” Proximity to parks, schools and childcare centres- “There is a childcare centre across the street from you, the YMCA will possibly have a childcare centre, a city development is suspending their project which is taxpayer’s money.”” It says (the guidelines) the Ministry will assess each applicant including community support and consultation for the federal requirement can include door to door or other canvassing – flyers – it was all for 80 Bradford.”</p>	<p>Noted</p>
		<p>“You told us 80 Bradford, 19 Bradford, 11 Bradford”</p>	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>Site Selection- “In the first round of site selections, those locations were selected and obvious.” “This area is not a problem area.”” In five years, I have never seen any drug needles.” “What is the BIAs involvement now that the site selection has changed when it’s so far away from where the drug use was identified?” The fact that we are about 2.5km away from the main downtown area that is the issue”. “Speaking with police officers, we were told that if they manage to get up here, chances of them walking back to wherever they came from probably won’t happen.” “They will walk through the back entrance to access Milligan’s Pond.” “11 Innisfil Street was not ever apart of the original discussion.” “Pretty sure that nobody in their right mind would put a SCS in a neighbourhood with about 24 children under the age of 7 and a childcare centre nearby. “</p>	<p>Noted</p>
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Overview of new SCS Community Advisory Committee for the proposed site (Mia Brown, SMDHU)

7:10-7:20

- The 2 organizations appreciate the time the neighbors took to meet with the two organizations, including the research the neighbors have conducted on this application, and other sites in the province.
- The applicants plan to form an SCS Advisory to facilitate ongoing communication between the surrounding community of neighbors, businesses, and the clients, and staff of the site.
- The applicants will be forming this advisory closer to the fall of this year. It will allow for ongoing dialogue with the members of the community as well as the businesses. This advisory will be formed with a manageable size in mind. A term of reference will be drafted in advance of the first meeting and modified based on membership feedback and contribution. At this time the two applicants will continue work on the two applications.

We plan to get the applications in to both Health Canada and the Ministry of Health by the end of the summer. The line of communication is not closed, the applicants encourage you to contact them, feel free to forward Mia Brown any feedback or concerns. We will continue to update our webpage as we move forward.

- Any thoughts on who should be included in the Advisory other than those that were listed?

Question: is there a cap on the number of participants or will it be balanced out on the holistic representation at of the neighborhood.

Answer: We have looked at Waterloo’s Advisory as an example. - typically, we would have site representation, city council, local businesses, police, 2 or 3 people from the neighborhood and 2 to 3 people lived experience. The ideal number would be a max of 20. There will be different strategies for engagements, ongoing communication, and ongoing consultation.

Final comments, suggestions, or feedback from the business community (Sarah Gill, SMDHU)

7:20-7:30

Question/Comment	Response
Overall process question: on behalf of his mother and father-in-law – “we share the same concerns that have been raised by the residents. Process – Lynne Cheliak, you mentioned that now that we are moving forward with the site, wondering about when the application is actually presented to the provincial government and the Canadian government, what are the timelines and is this a done deal?”	In order to submit a provincial application, the requirement is that the proposed site has been endorsed by City Council. Now that we have City Council endorsement, we are moving forward on our applications., We are aiming to have the applications in by the end of the summer and anticipate a two to six months approval process.
“The unit is now rented, is it temporary?”	It has been confirmed that the lease is temporary.
As part of the application process – “do we have any say in it,” “that there is not a single person that is in favour in it.” “The entire neighborhood was not included in this meeting.” “Yes, community consultations occurred, but the address was wrong in that consultation.”	The community consultation summary will be included in both applications. All feedback being shared this evening will be included in the minutes from this meeting and will become part of the application packages.
Citing 3.2 of the CTS on the application guide: “If the proposed site is within 100 to 200 meters to daycares, parks and schools. The	We have worked with the City of Barrie through their mapping systems to identify the sensitive land use proximity to the site.

<p>applicant must specify how community concerns will be addressed. “</p>	<p>At the time, there were no childcare centres in that area. The registered in-home care providers did not show up on the City’s mapping when they completed a search. At this time, there is no search ability for in home licensed childcare providers. We will include the childcare provider in the section of the application that addresses the distance from the childcare provider and the proposed site. The applicants will identify mitigations to address the concerns. We will continue to look at different ways to address the concerns with the proximity of the childcare provider to the site</p>
<p>Comment from resident: “The letters of support that were- 1 person from our neighborhood – 2 letters from the person that was from the City of Barrie, not from the neighborhood. “Not allowing all of the neighbours to attend this meeting is not enough”</p>	<p>The Ministry will see the minutes from this meeting. They can see that we had these conversations and there were concerns brought forward. We have letters of support that are part of the application. The applicants will include the concerns received by letter and or email in the application as well.</p>
<p>“What about the cost for CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)?”</p>	<p>CPTED – the cost will be included in the budget with the application if the application is successful then a full CPTED assessment will be completed.</p>