

Document for Landlords/Property Owners on Supervised Consumption Sites

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Supervised consumption sites (SCS) help save lives and provide a safer and clean space for people to use their own drugs under the care of nursing and other staff. They can connect clients to doctors, treatment and other health and social services.

SCS are part of a harm reduction approach that aims to provide:

- Overdose prevention (naloxone, oxygen)
- Harm reduction supplies including needles and other safer drug use equipment
- Client education
- Connection to a variety of services including: addictions treatment, health care, mental health, housing and/or social supports.

Based on the best quality research over many years of experience with SCSs in Canada and internationally, the benefits of supervised consumption sites include:

- Reduced rates of overdose deaths and hospital visits
- Reduced public drug use and needles discarded in the community
- Increased access to other services including access to treatment when people are ready
- Reduced unsafe injection practices, which can contribute to the spread of blood borne infections like HIV and hepatitis C
- Reduced stigma related to substance use
- Cost effectiveness
- No impact on community drug use patterns
- Improvements in public order and safety
- No impact on crime

A Supervised Consumption Site Selection Advisory committee has been created to advise and support the Canadian Mental Health Association- Simcoe Branch and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in their development of a successful SCS application, through exploration and review of viable SCS site options in Barrie (Ward 2) and through advising on neighborhood engagement around those potential sites.

Membership of the SCS Advisory committee includes the following organizations:

- Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe Branch (Lead applicant)
- Gilbert Centre
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (Support in application)
- Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, including RAAM/Withdrawal management
- Barrie Community Health Centre
- John Howard Society of Simcoe County and Muskoka
- Salvation Army Bayside Mission
- Seasons Centre for Grieving Children

- David Busby Centre
- Barrie Police Service
- Barrie Native Friendship Centre
- Person(s) with lived experience of drug use
- Peer worker/advocate for people who use drugs
- Safe Barrie
- Other resident(s) of Barrie
- Land Use Planners (ad hoc)
- Realtors (ad hoc)
- City of Barrie Staff (adhoc)

Physical space requirements

Seeking between **1000-1500 square feet** in total, in order to accommodate:

- Consumption booth- 40 square feet per person (4 booths with room to expand to 6)
- Assessment room- 100 square feet (minimum)
- Observation area- 65 square feet (minimum)
- Aftercare area- 120 square feet (minimum)

Also require:

- Separate washrooms for staff use and client use
- Foot wash station
- Hand hygiene sink

Funding is available from the Ministry of Health for capital costs to renovate space accordingly.

Other Ministry requirements

- The applicant must either be the proprietor of the site or submit a letter of permission from the proprietor with the application
- Verify the facility meets municipal bylaws and provincial regulations for accessibility
- Fire safety plan
- Security plan – security guard, cameras, lighting
- Paramedics and other first responders have access to the consumption and post-consumption (i.e. aftercare) rooms
- Sites are typically Class D occupancy buildings (under the Ontario Building Code) and built to the OBC standard of the year of construction

- The site will need to be considered a B2 occupancy under the Ontario Building Code- the site will require additional physical renovations to upgrade fire separations, upgrades to the HVAC system, fire alarm systems and doors to these areas
- CSA Class-C ventilation should be provided in the space. Consideration should be given to the unique ventilation needs dependent on the permitted uses of the site; specifically, enhanced ventilation should be considered if “cooking” is permitted

Questions for Landlords:

- Would you consider renting your space for the purpose of an SCS, now or if your space becomes available in the future?
- What questions do you have about SCSs in general, or implications for your property in particular?

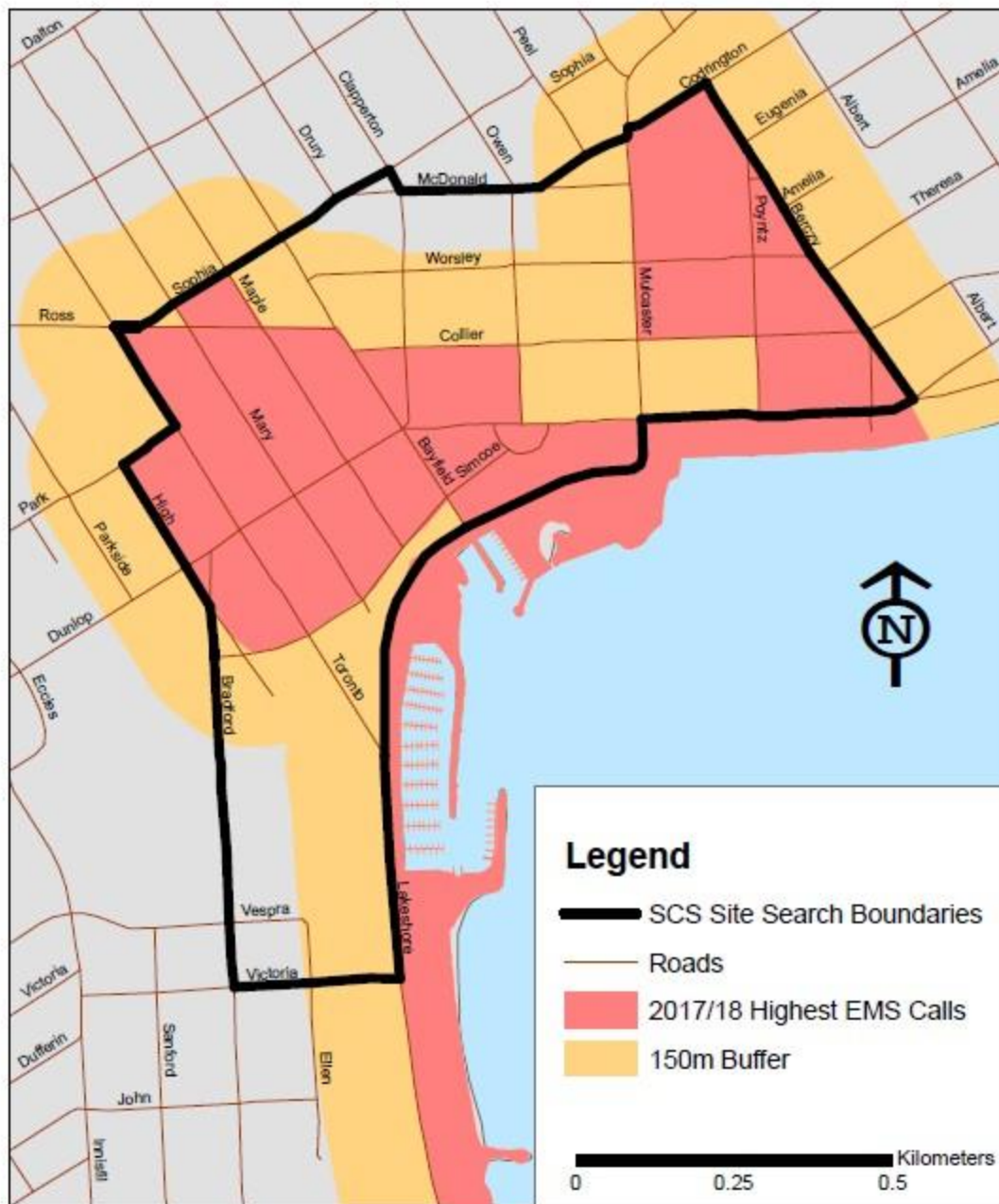
SCS Planning Next Steps:

Through investigation by the SCS Advisory committee and discussions with landlords, we are aiming to develop a shortlist of viable SCS sites where the landlord is receptive and the site meets the Advisory committee’s selection criteria (see Appendix 2). The Committee would then proceed with neighborhood consultation regarding the viable site options. A final recommendation of a site would then be proposed for the purpose of the application and Barrie City Council’s endorsement.

Appendices

1.1 Site Selection Boundary Map

Barrie SCS Site Search Boundaries



Data Sources & Definitions:

EMS Calls (suspected opioid overdose paramedic calls): County of Simcoe Paramedic Service. The areas in red are the two Dissemination Areas (DAs) with the highest concentration of suspected opioid overdose paramedic calls in 2017-2018 (combined).

The SCS site search boundaries are selected roads based on the paramedic and emergency department visit data as well as input provided by persons with lived experience and community service providers.

Map last updated: Nov. 6, 2019, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

1.2 Site Selection Criteria

BARRIE SCS SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

November, 2019

Criteria are based on a combination of the Ministry of Health's [Consumption and Treatment Services Guidelines](#) (CTS Application Guide), and recommendations of the SCS site selection advisory committee (Committee)

Background:

- "Consumption and Treatment Services will be located in communities in need based on ministry-defined criteria. They will be established in Community Health Centres, Aboriginal Health Access Centres or similar incorporated health care or community-based organizations that offer integrated, wraparound services." (CTS Application Guide, p.3)
- "Preference will be given to organizations that currently offer, or have the capacity to offer in partnership, onsite access to services." (CTS Application Guide, p.7)

Criteria:

- 1) Proximity to clients
 - a) "Applicants must also demonstrate how the CTS is: Strategically located (i.e. walking distance from where open drug use is known to occur); easily accessible by public transit." (CTS Application Guide, p.13)
 - b) Within 1 km (or 15 minute walk) from where people use drugs (Committee: based on [Community Engagement and Consultation for SCS in Barrie- Report](#) and [Toronto and Ottawa Supervised Consumption Assessment 2012](#))
- 2) Wrap-around services
 - a) Section 2.1 of the Consumption and Treatment Services Application Guide requires a CTS to have onsite or defined pathways (i.e. offsite) to:
 - Addictions treatment services
 - Mental health services
 - Primary care services
 - Social services (e.g. housing, food, employment, other)
- 3) Sensitive land uses
 - a) "The ministry will also assess the applicant's proximity to licensed child care centers, parks, and schools (including post-secondary institutions)". "If the proposed site is within close proximity (e.g. 100m - 200m) to any of these, the applicant must specify how community concerns will be addressed through community consultation, and through ongoing community engagement." (CTS Application Guide, p. 10)
 - b) Consideration for neighboring land uses. (Committee)
- 4) Physical Site Requirements

- a) From CTS Application Guide, p.9:
 - Space for service intake, consumption, post-consumption and aftercare (see Appendix A for square footage requirements)
 - Hand hygiene sink and foot washing station and accessible washrooms
 - Meets municipal bylaws and provincial regulations for accessibility
- b) Based on anticipated demand in Barrie, with the ability to expand the services if need be, a total of 1000-1500 square feet would be suitable for 4 booths with the ability to offer space for wraparound services to provide 1:1 counselling and support services for clients who use the site. (Committee)

5) Landlord approval and financially viable

- a) Landlord approval for use of site (CTS Application Guide, p.7)
- b) Landlord willingness to hold site while awaiting provincial approval and funding, or local ability to fundraise for this purpose (Committee)
- c) Property financially viable to rent/lease (Committee)

APPENDIX A: CONSUMPTION AND TREATMENT SERVICE DESIGN STANDARDS

Below are room/space types and square foot sizing, based on international best practices for three to six consumption booths and potential operational models.

Room Type	Description	Size	For Six Booths	For Three Booths
Consumption booth	Partitioned desk/table with chair	40sf per person	240sf	120sf
Assessment Room	Accommodates interviewer workstation/chair and client/chair (two chairs if needed)	100sf	100sf	100sf
Observation area	Workstations for supervisor staff (workstation and chair)	65sf	130sf	65sf
Post-consumption (aftercare) area	Space for at least six client chairs and one small desk/chair for supervisory staff	120sf	120sf	100sf (three to four client chairs and a desk /chair for supervisor)