

Barrie SCS Site Selection Advisory Committee – Monthly Update

October 21/19

- The SCS Site Selection Advisory committee has met every 2 weeks since September 6, 2019
- The committee reviewed, revised and approved the Terms of Reference for this committee. The Terms of Reference (including membership list) and key messages from each meeting are posted [here](#) on the SMDHU website.
- The committee received a high level overview of the original community consultation and report that was completed in Barrie (Jan-April, 2019). The members had some discussion regarding how to move forward this time with the consultation process. Further discussion and decision making is required.
- SMDHU Epidemiologist John Barbaro created a [presentation](#) for the committee to share local stats related to ED visits and deaths based on a person's 6 digit postal code and data from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regarding opioid related calls based on location dispatched to. This quantitative data along with other sources of qualitative/experiential data from Advisory committee members are being examined to inform approximate boundaries for the SCS site search. This discussion will continue at the next Advisory committee meeting. The presentation was well received by the committee members and prompted a request for John Barbaro to present to the members of safeBarrie. John provided this same presentation to the safeBarrie membership on October 3rd.
- The committee reviewed the site selection criteria used in the initial search for proposed SCS site locations which was based on the Ministry of Health and Health Canada CTS/SCS criteria. These criteria will continue to be revised at future meeting(s), for a final set of criteria for the committee's use. The committee is still in the early stages of developing a site search process, and has struck a site-search sub-group.
- In order to address the suggested approaches to the community consultations as heard from the members of the community and from City Council, the committee agreed to conduct a search for potential sites and will attempt to develop a shortlist of viable locations. Neighbourhood consultations will be scheduled specifically for the shortlisted sites to provide an opportunity for the local community members to share their feedback. The consultation findings will be considered along with the other site selection criteria to determine the most appropriate location.