

BARRIE SCS SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

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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 a 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 the 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)