



**The Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place**

**Drug Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 2, 2024 6:30 PM Carleton Place Public Library**

<b>Welcome Members and Guest (s)</b>		The meeting opened at 6:30 PM Attendees: Mark Hinton, Harry Sidhu, David Somppli Regrets: Kevin Clouthier, Danielle Shewfelt
<b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b>		No conflicts were declared
<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes of Jan MDS meeting approved	Moved by Mark Hinton Second by Harry Sidhu Approved by unanimous vote
<b>Additions to and Approval of Agenda.</b>	Agenda approved	Moved by Harry Sidhu Second by Mark Hinton Approved by unanimous vote
<b>Committee Membership</b>	Open Discussion	No update on proposed changes to ToR and membership or response to use CP Scoop to advertise for additional members is available via the clerk
<b>Second hand smoke (cannabis and tobacco) in public spaces</b>	Open Discussion	Standing agenda item. Awaiting delivery of additional signs (from Health Unit) to better identify areas in which smoking is not allowed. These areas were identified in the Oct walking tour.  Action: David to follow up with HU via Danielle
<b>Recent reports on the impact of cannabis consumption</b>	Open Discussion	No update available. Will keep this as a standing agenda item until report from Kingston is shared
Proposed Mobile Community Withdrawal Management Proposed Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program expansion	Open Discussion	Update from conversation with Garry Laws, ED, <b>Lanark County Mental Health</b> No response received from clerk in response to recommendation that council receive an update directly from LCHM.
<b>2024 Committee Workplan and Budget Discussion</b>	Open Discussion	The committee affirmed intent to increase awareness related to smoking/vaping (cannabis and tobacco) with a “Did you know?” campaign. Town owned video

		<p>displays will be part of initiative. “CP Scoop”, local broadcast media and social media are other channels. Health unit curated/generated content will be a key information source in this campaign. Committee budget will be used to develop templates/frames that will identify shared video/text content as part of an MDS campaign.</p> <p>Action: David to follow up with HU via Danielle for currently available content.</p> <p>The committee chair will contact Amanda to discuss how this campaign can be integrated into the Town’s communication process</p> <p>Mental health and/or substance use services are fragmented in Carleton Place. A future MDS meeting will focus on understanding what is available. The information gathered will provide additional content for the “Did You Know?” awareness campaign. If/when significant gaps are identified these can be communicated to Council.</p> <p>Action: David will reach out to local health care leaders for assistance.</p> <p>From previous minutes: Carleton Place staff has been offered an early opportunity to review a model Municipal Alcohol Policy that is being developed by the Health Unit. This will consider cannabis as well as alcohol and outline the responsibilities of parties renting Carleton Place owned spaces.</p> <p>After committee discussion earlier this year, David informed the town that the MDS committee endorses the plan to return its ~\$5000 reserve to general funds. The committees first 2024 expenses will be associated with the campaigns noted above.</p>
<b>Future Meeting Schedule</b>		Library is now booked for 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month starting at 6:00 PM
<b>Adjournment</b>		Moved by Harry, Second by Mark