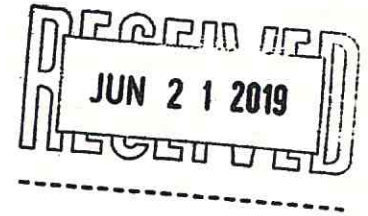




# City of Peterborough

500 George Street North, Peterborough Ontario, K9H 3R9

June 12, 2019



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Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan  
Township of Selwyn  
Municipality of Trent Lakes  
Peterborough Regional Health Centre  
Peterborough County/City Paramedics

**Subject: Council Resolution Regarding Opioid Crisis**

The following resolution, adopted by Peterborough City Council at its meeting held on May 27, 2019 is forwarded for your information and necessary action. Thank you.

**Whereas Peterborough County/City ranks fourth among municipalities in Ontario (based on rate per 100,000) for opioid overdose emergency department visit rates, and,**

**Whereas there were 19 suspected opioid related deaths in Peterborough City in 2017 (OPP did not track stats until Oct 2018), and,**

**Whereas there were an estimated 4,000 opioid related deaths across Canada in 2017, and Whereas there have been 19 suspected drug overdose related deaths in Peterborough County/City between January 1, 2019 and May 12, 2019 which is more than in the entirety of the previous year, and**

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**Whereas the Peterborough County/City Paramedics use of service in 2018 was 161 opioid related calls and from January to March 2019 has resulted in 41 calls, and,**

**Whereas this crisis impacts every aspect of society, and**

**Whereas the Canadian drug and substances strategy and the Peterborough Health Unit Opioid Strategy is based on the four pillars of Prevention - Treatment, Harm Reduction, and enforcement - and includes emergency management,**

**Therefore, be it resolved:**

- a) That the City of Peterborough calls on the Province of Ontario to assign a provincial coordinator within the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the provincial response to the opioid overdose crisis;**
- b) That the Province of Ontario develop a comprehensive provincial strategy to address the opioid crisis, based on a public health approach that addresses the social determinants of health that takes a non-discriminatory approach to drug overdose prevention and harm reduction;**
- c) That the Province of Ontario resume regular meetings of the Opioid Emergency Task Force with necessary funding;**
- d) That the City of Peterborough calls for Federal and Provincial funding to support, enhance, and expand evidence-based treatment and rehabilitation services, addiction prevention and education, and harm reduction measures;**
- e) That the Minister of Education add a youth resiliency program to the school curriculum which includes coping skills to get through obstacles in life e.g. anger management, conflict resolution, healthy relationships and informed decision making, and that this start in kindergarten and through the grade and high schools. Investing in our youth is crucial;**
- f) That the City of Peterborough work with the County of Peterborough to host a forum on the opioid crisis in our community;**
- g) That this Resolution be distributed to the leaders of all parties represented in the House of Commons and the Legislature, the Federal Minister of Health, the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Education, our local MPs and MPPs;**
- h) That this Resolution be distributed to the County of Peterborough, Ontario Provincial Police, the Peterborough Police Service, Peterborough Public Health, Peterborough County Townships, Peterborough Regional Health Centre and Peterborough County/City Paramedics.**

Sincerely,

  
John Kennedy  
City Clerk