



Motion

Re: Municipal Drug Strategy

“Whereas community partners and stakeholders throughout Chatham-Kent have been engaged and continue to work on assessing and addressing the societal, familial, and human impacts of substance use in Chatham-Kent;

And whereas it is estimated that injection drug use in Chatham-Kent is up to 4 times greater than the national average;

And whereas crystal methamphetamine use and related harms remain prevalent;

And whereas rates of hospitalizations and emergency department visits from opioid poisoning continue to trend upwards;

And whereas issues associated with substance use in Chatham-Kent significantly impact municipal services, including fire and emergency services, policing, building development services, and employment and social services;

Therefore administration be directed to report on next steps to update and implement a municipal drug strategy, in partnership with local agencies and stakeholders. Including options for resources required for a municipally lead drug strategy. And that the report return to Council prior to departments planning and finalizing 2020 budgets.”

Signed: Councillor Brock McGregor

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