



Motion

Re: Harm Reduction – Improvements to the Needle-Syringe Program

“Whereas needles are used by a wide range of community members, including people with medical conditions, and people who use substances;

And whereas various municipal departments continue to receive calls regarding reports of found needles, making it difficult to geographically track the calls and target interventions where truly needed.;

And whereas CK Public Health and its partners continue to face challenges in terms of expanding the needle disposal kiosk initiative largely due to logistical and financial limitations;

And whereas when needles are discarded improperly in a public place, it is often a result of not having easy access to safe disposal;

And whereas businesses partnering with the program are facing challenges with a lack of adequate disposal supplies, putting a burden on their business/organization and their employees.

Therefore be it resolved that administration investigate and provide recommendations to Council to improve the Needle-Syringe Program in Chatham-Kent. The report will include an analysis and options for improving the following:

- 1. The distribution model that includes community partner depots and the community outreach program.**
- 2. The bulk purchase of supplies for the program.**
- 3. The ‘Yellow Umbrella’ mobile outreach service.**
- 4. The education messaging and materials for safe needle disposal.**
- 5. The number of locations where harm reduction supplies can be safely disposed of.**

6. Options for outdoor needle disposal kiosks.
7. The municipal process for when calls are received regarding needles found out in the community.

Furthermore, consultation with Aids Committee of Windsor, along with other partners across the Chatham-Kent community, including the Chatham-Kent Drug Awareness Council, be included in the making of the report.

And furthermore, staff be directed to explore alternative partnerships within Chatham-Kent to provide the program moving forward.

And furthermore, this report would be completed in collaboration with the future/pending Municipal Drug Strategy, which is being discussed during the 2020 budget sessions.

And furthermore, staff will report back to Council by June of 2020.”

Signed: Councillor Aaron Hall

Notice Given On: December 9, 2019