

June 6, 2022

I am writing on behalf of St. Leonard's Place Peel (SLPP) to support a Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) in the Region of Peel.

SLPP is a non-profit charitable organization in Brampton that provides transitional and reintegration housing for individuals who are experiencing homelessness, struggling with addiction or mental illness and individuals who have been in conflict with the law. Since 1971, SLPP has delivered programs and services that provide residents with a safe and healing environment where they can rebuild their lives, maintain their wellness, and integrate back into the community. These services include supportive counselling, medical services led by a Health team as well as daily capacity building programs that cover areas such as mental health, addiction, social reintegration, self-care, employment and recreation therapy. Currently SLPP has capacity to support 117 individuals.

In 2019, a needs assessment was completed by partner organizations to assess the feasibility of a SCS in Peel. This study engaged various stakeholders including Peel residents and community providers. Feedback was also garnered through surveys and 86.5% of people who use drugs and responded reported they would consider using a SCS.

At St. Leonard's Place Peel, we have experienced an increase in opioid related incidents and are fully supportive of a SCS. There is an identified need for this service in the Peel Region to reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioids. The SCS will provide a safe and hygienic place for individuals to use under the supervision of trained medical personnel to prevent or reverse overdoses.

St. Leonard's Place Peel fully supports this much needed service in Peel Region.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Leslie Barnes  
Chief Executive Officer

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