

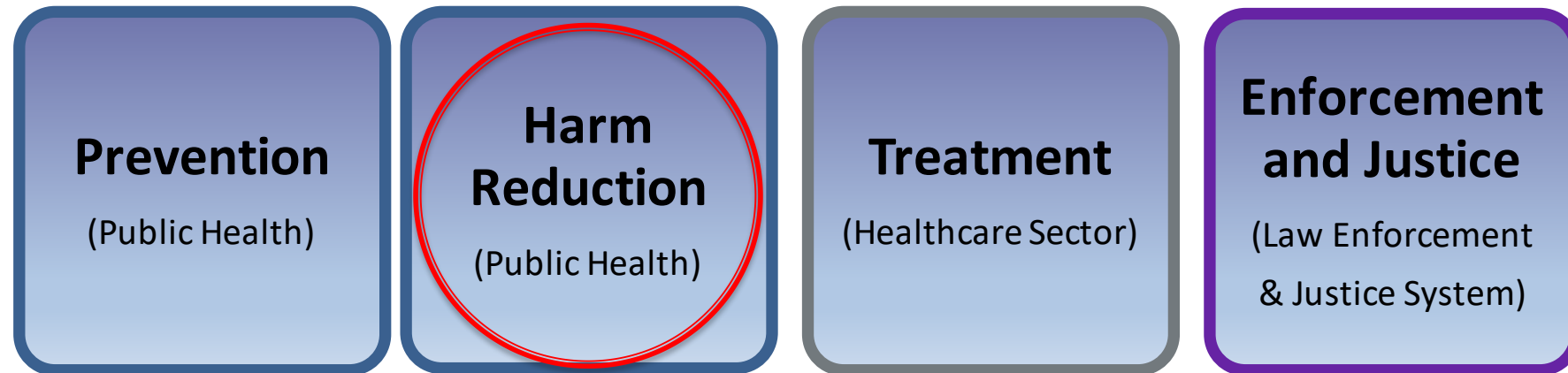
Supervised Consumption Services in Peel **via an Interim Urgent Public Health** **Need Site**

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Work related to the Peel Opioid Strategy is a priority coming out of the pandemic – starting with harm reduction to save lives

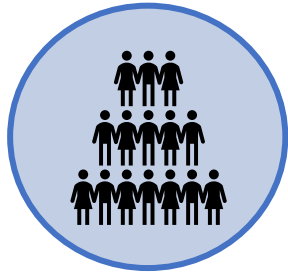
Peel Opioid Strategy

Preventing and reducing harms related to opioid use In alignment with Federal, Provincial, and related Regional strategies

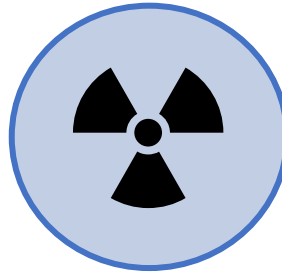


- Current focus is on harm reduction initiatives to more immediately help reduce preventable drug toxicity deaths.
- Today's report recommends the establishment of interim supervised consumption services as an effective harm reduction measure.
- Initiatives within and across the four pillars of the Strategy will help ensure a comprehensive response.

Peel is facing a growing drug-toxicity crisis with 654 lives lost in the last five years (2017-2021)



More people are dying, with a 133% increase in deaths in 2021 compared to 2017



Increasing community need for harm reduction supplies and services



Additional strain on emergency services, with the highest rate of emergency department visits on record in 2021



Increasingly toxic drug supply with fentanyl contributing to 9 out of 10 deaths

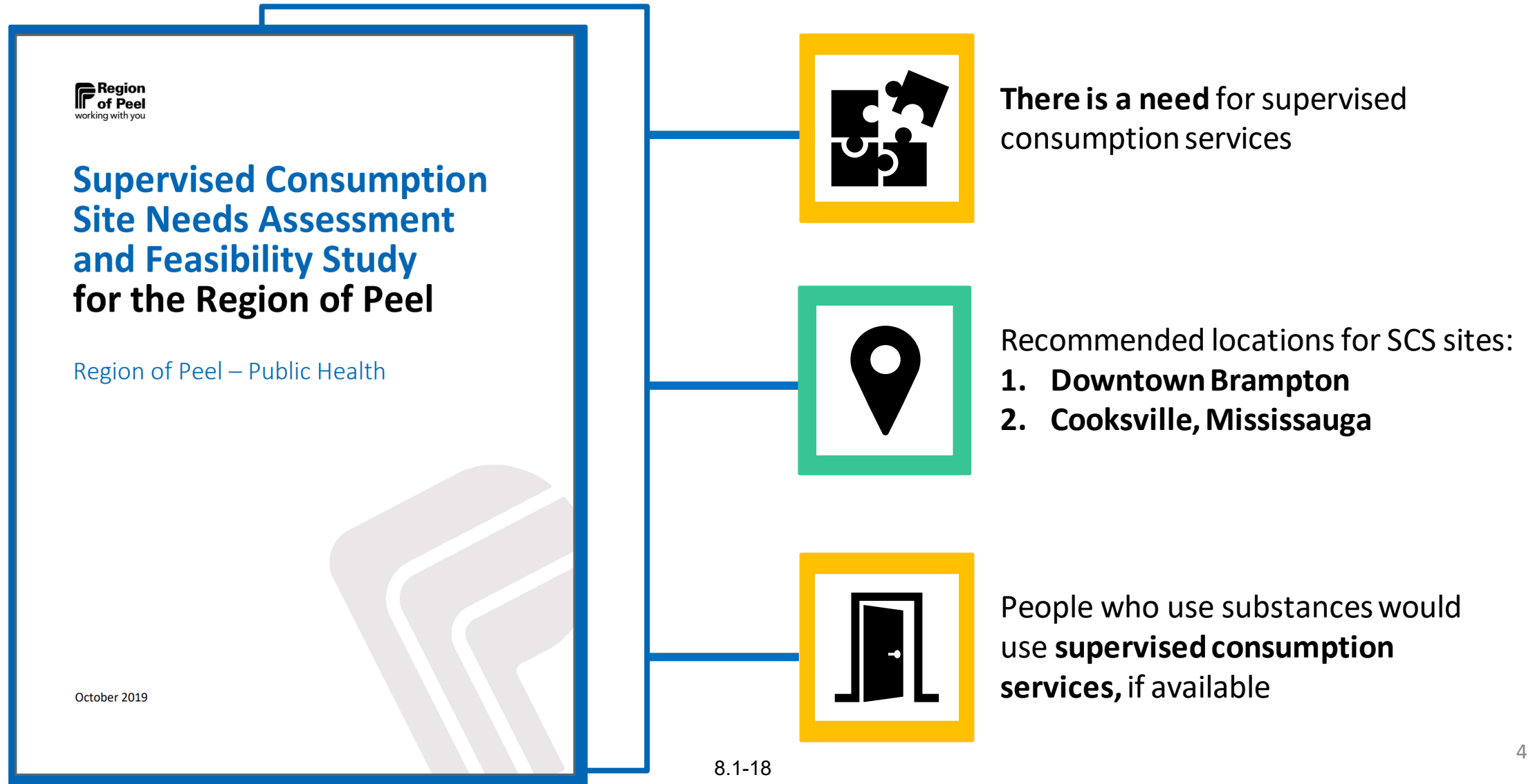


People are using alone, with over half (54%) of deaths occurring when people are alone



Less frequent resuscitation and naloxone use, 43% of deaths attempted resuscitation & naloxone used in only 17% of deaths

Planning for supervised consumption services is informed by the 2019 Peel SCS study and Council direction



Public Health recommends an interim site to address urgent needs



Model
Interim, Urgent

Begin with an interim, Urgent
Public Health Need Site.

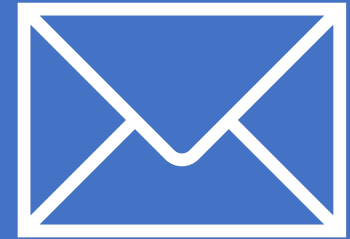
Operated by Moyo Health and
Community Services.
WellFort Community Health
Services as clinical lead.



Location
Based on community need

Geographic areas being
explored for a potential
interim site are informed
by the Peel SCS Study,
ongoing opioid surveillance
data, and input from
stakeholders.

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Funding
Region of Peel

Request interim Regional
funding for up to 24 months.

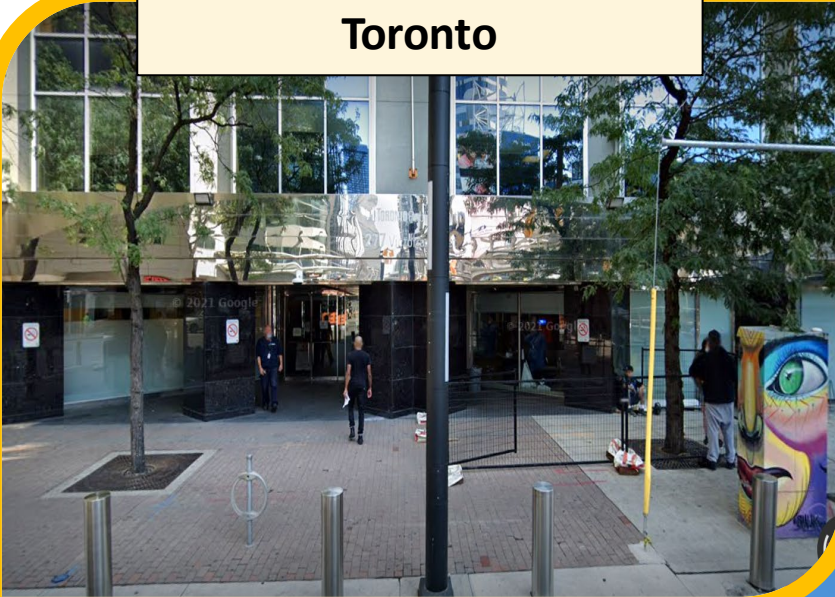
Learn from interim model
and scale up to a model
which would rely on
provincial funding.

Moyo Health and Community Services is the recommended operator of the interim services



There are over 20 SCS sites across Ontario

**Toronto Public Health's
SCS Site "The Works" in
Toronto**



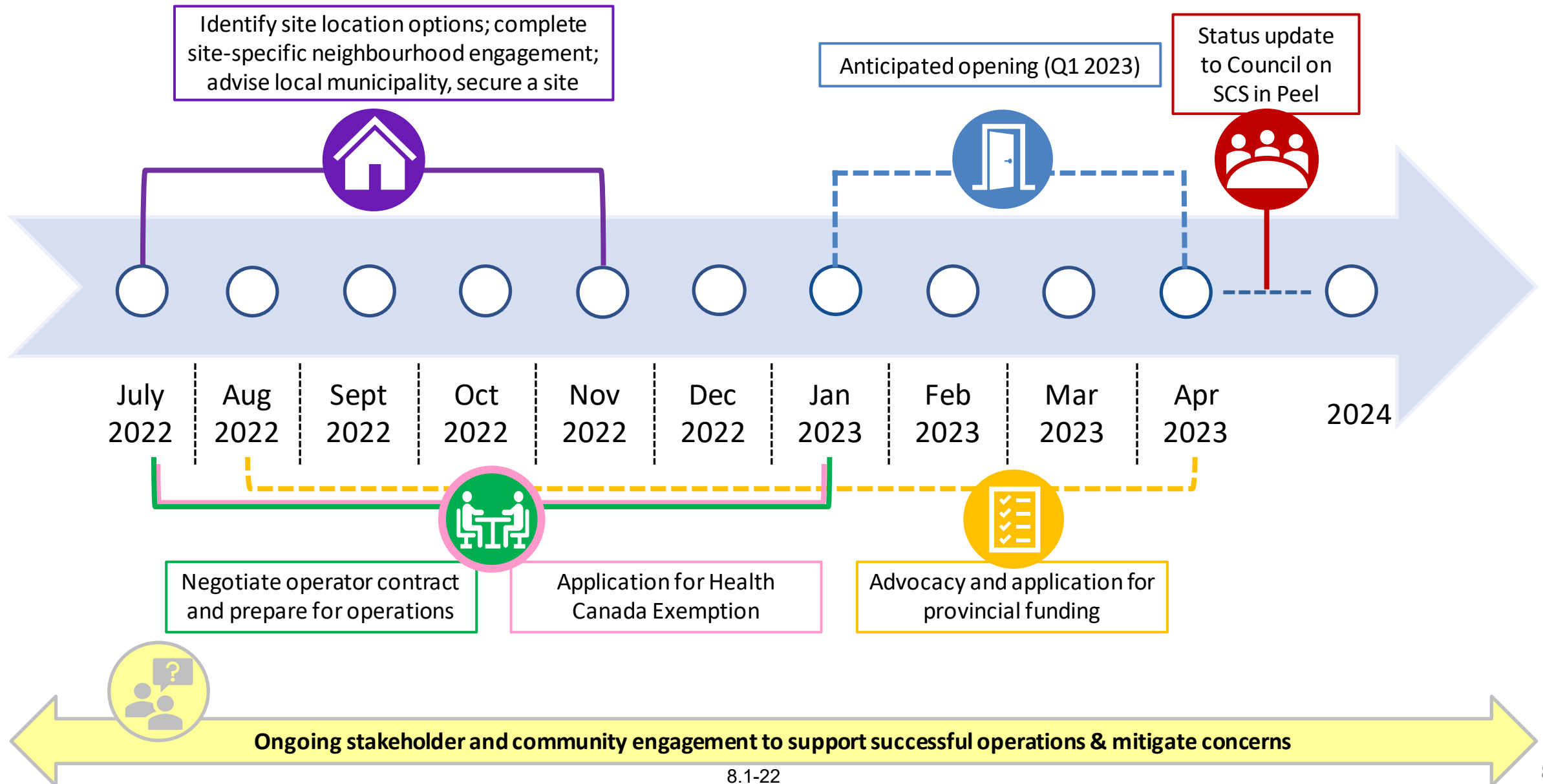
**Opioid Response Hub's
Consumption and Treatment
Site in Peterborough**



**Réseau ACCESS Network's
Consumption and
Treatment Site in Sudbury**



Several steps will be taken ahead of opening an SCS site in Peel



Engagement is central to ensure site selection and operations are responsive to community needs



Initial focus of engagement: Raising awareness and understanding, and supporting site selection

- Finding site options based on need and criteria; balancing community needs
- Obtaining stakeholder input and developing mitigation strategies through targeted conversations
- Completing broader site-specific neighbourhood engagement (e.g., stakeholder meetings, surveys)
- Updating the respective local municipal Council on proposed site location
- Ongoing listening, outreach, response and collaborative problem-solving (e.g., community advisory committee, “good neighbour” response plan)

Thank you

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