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City Councillor | Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

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To: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

From: Councillor Joe Cressy
Chair, Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel

Re: Naloxone Training for City Councillors

At its meeting in August 2017, the Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel discussed the overdose emergency in Toronto. The Panel has identified additional measures that are needed to respond to this emergency, which have been submitted to the Board of Health in a separate motion.

The Panel also discussed the urgent need to train more people on how to use the lifesaving medicine naloxone, which can immediately reverse an opioid overdose. Toronto Public Health has significantly expanded delivery of this training to people who use drugs, their family members and friends, and community and municipal service providers across the city, and now more people are in the position to save a life. The Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel also discussed the value in having members of City Council receive this training, and asks the Board of Health to endorse the following motion:

That the Board of Health ask City Council to request Toronto Public Health staff to conduct a naloxone training session at a future City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

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