

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM34.20	ACTION			Ward: All
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Residential rehabilitation treatment for low income victims of substance abuse - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Board of Health Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Medical Officer of Health and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to report back with an update on all residential rehabilitation treatment programs and services currently offered in the City by all levels of government and by all non-profit agencies for individuals of limited income who are dealing with substance abuse challenges.

Summary

Substance abuse continues to be an urgent public health emergency in Toronto and it has been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. There has been an alarming increase in overdoses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and it continues to worsen.

While the City has supports offered through The Works and has provided additional efforts to address the increases in overdoses among people who are experiencing homelessness, the expansion of residential rehabilitation facilities, especially for individuals in the low to mid income bracket, is critical and is needed urgently in order to determine what further action can be taken by the City, its community partners, and other levels of governments to save lives.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM34.20