

November 26, 2024

Re: Responding to the Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act

Dear Colleagues,

On November 18th, the Provincial government tabled Bill 223, which includes the Community Care and Recovery Act. This act is the result of the government's commitment to ban supervised consumption sites within 200 metres of schools and child care centres from earlier this year. It stipulates that no person shall establish or operate a supervised consumption site at a location that is less than 200 metres from a designated premises. This legislation will force the closure of at least five supervised consumption facilities in Toronto, putting countless lives at risk and burdening our first response services.

As this board has previously shared its support for safe consumption sites, I recommend that we direct the Medical Officer of Health to provide comments on Bill 223 on our behalf.

Recommendations:

1. That the Board of Health direct the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to submit comments on Bill 223 before December 18th, 2024.

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