

February 7, 2025

Re: Endorsing Toronto Public Health's Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Hub

Dear Colleagues,

Last year, as part of their announcement that new legislation would force the closure of safe consumption sites across the province, the Provincial government introduced funding for the creation of new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs. Supervised Consumption Service sites impacted by the legislation, including the site operated by Toronto Public Health, were invited to apply to transition their services into HART Hubs. Toronto Public Health, in partnership with multiple City Divisions, hospital, health, and community partners, applied to the Ministry of Health to establish the Downtown HART Hub and received approval on January 2nd.

While the HART Hub model does not replace the need for supervised consumption services, the treatment, mental health, social and primary care services that will be offered through the Hub are valuable and much-needed in the downtown core.

Recommendations:

1. The Board of Health endorse the establishment of the City of Toronto's Downtown HART Hub as developed with partners.

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