

March 18, 2025

Board of Health  
City Hall, Committee Room 1  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

**Re: Update on the City of Toronto's Downtown HART Hub**

Dear Board Members,

Last December, the Government of Ontario passed the Community Care and Recovery Act, requiring five Supervised Consumption Service (SCS) sites and Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) sites in Toronto to close their doors no later than March 31, 2025.

Alongside these legislative changes, the provincial government also announced a new funding stream to support the creation of Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, including a total of \$378 million to implement these hubs across Ontario.

The new HART Hub model will help address the needs of our most vulnerable communities, offering a comprehensive suite of supports, which can include, addiction care, primary care, supportive housing, employment support, and more.

As part of the HART Hub announcement, SCS sites impacted by the new legislation were encouraged to apply for funding, with an aim to transition their services to the new model.

In response, Toronto Public Health (TPH) and partners across City divisions, healthcare, and community organizations submitted a Downtown HART Hub application to the Ministry of Health. The Ministry approved this application 'in principle' on January 2, 2025.

The City of Toronto's Downtown HART Hub application outlines a range of proposed services that could be implemented pending suitable funding. These include 24/7 Intake, Medical Monitoring and Referrals, Supportive Housing Connection, Substance Use Treatment and Primary Care, Outpatient Medical Specialty Services, Assertive Community Therapy, Withdrawal Management Beds, and more.

TPH has been working with partners to develop and implement plans for year one of the Hub, with some services initiating on April 1, and more becoming available throughout the year.

As we work to mitigate the impacts of the March 31 closures of SCS sites and continue collaborating with our partners to establish our own Downtown HART Hub, I am requesting an update be provided to the Board of Health.

**Recommendations:**

1. The Board of Health receives this for information.

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