# JOIN AN ONLINE CONVERSATION FOR MIDTOWN RESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

# Understanding the challenges of the opioid crisis

Are you concerned about how substance use is affecting vulnerable people and our community? Join a facilitated conversation with community leaders and City of Toronto staff for an information session and discussion.

## DATE: MONDAY, MAY 17 at 7p.m.

#### **PANELISTS:**

Shaun Hopkins, Manager, Needle Exchange, Toronto Public Health. Shaun manages The Works, Toronto's first harm reduction program and Toronto's supervised injection sites and is a leading expert on harm reduction services in Toronto.

Gord Tanner, Director, Homelessness Initiatives and Prevention, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, City of Toronto. Gord oversees the City's shelter and street outreach services.

Facilitator: Bruce Davis, Public Progress

### **WHAT:**

The City of Toronto (and Canada) is in the midst of an opioid overdose crisis, inside a pandemic, inside an affordable housing shortage. The effects of this situation are being felt across Toronto, but many midtown residents and community and faith organizations have asked what can be done to reduce the harm to individuals and the impact on local communities.

Please join us on May 17 for a brief presentation on the nature of the challenge and a discussion on options to create a safe and caring community. This session is being organized by the City of Toronto at the request of local community members.

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