



COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Controlled Drug and Substances Act Section 56(1) Exemption Process (M. Janz)

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That Administration work collaboratively with stakeholders (including but not limited to Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health, Edmonton Police Services, public health and medical experts, people with lived experience, family and patient advocates, and Indigenous peoples) to develop recommendations to reduce drug poisoning injuries and deaths in Edmonton, including providing recommendations to pursue a section 56(1) exemption to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* to decriminalize simple personal possession (excluding trafficking) of illicit substances in Edmonton.
2. That Administration develop an intergovernmental advocacy strategy to reduce drug poisoning injury and deaths in Edmonton, including decriminalization of simple personal possession, safe supply, safe consumption sites, treatment and supportive housing.

Due Date: First Quarter 2023, Community and Public Services Committee

History

- At the March 21, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the March 21, 2022, Office of the City Manager report OCM01092 was postponed to the April 11, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee meeting.
- At the April 11, 2022, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the March 21, 2022, Office of the City Manager report OCM01092 was considered.
- The Committee heard from P. Schulz, Moms Stop the Harm; E. Hyshka; E. Thomson, EACH+EVERY: Businesses for Harm Reduction; D. McGeown, Arcadia Brewing Co.; G. Salvalaggio, Opioid Poisoning Committee, Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association; K. Speed; and N. LaMontagne.

Attachment

March 21, 2022, Office of the City Manager report OCM01092