



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Overdose Crisis - Safe Supply Pilot Program(s)

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the Prime Minister asking for the following:
 - that the Federal Government officially recognize the overdose crisis as a national public health emergency;
 - that the Federal Government fund and accommodate overdose prevention programs in Edmonton, utilizing pharmaceutical alternatives, under medical supervision, to illegal street drugs;
 - that the principles of decriminalization within the Government of Canada's proposed amendments to the *Canadian Drug and Substances Act*, as proposed in Bill C-22, be enacted by parliament.
2. That Administration engage with the Government of Alberta regarding Edmonton's five supportive housing sites, to determine their eligibility for designation as therapeutic communities, with addiction treatment, including pharmaceutical alternatives to illegal street drugs.

History

- At the March 22/26, 2021, Executive Committee meeting, Item 8.1 Overdose Crisis - Safe Supply Pilot Program(s) was considered.
- The Committee heard from P. Silverstone; E. Thomson and C. Owczarek, Each + Every: Businesses for Harm Reduction; M. Martineau; L. Thomas, Moms Stop the Harm; D. MacPherson, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition; S. Twan; H. Virani; A. Loverock, Edmonton Regional Chapter of the Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy; D. O'Brien; N. Read; E. Hyshka; P. Burgess, Each + Every: Businesses for Harm Reduction & Polar Park Brewing Co.; D. McGeown, Arcadia Brewing Co.; D. Ward, Niginan Housing Ventures; C. Thomas, on behalf of J. Wong; and L. Billingsley.