

Aug 8th, 2019

Office of the Barrie City Clerk  
70 Collier St  
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Dear Wendy Cooke:

Re: Barrie City Councillor representation on the Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership

The Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership membership would like to formally request the participation of a Barrie City Councillor at this community table. The Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership (BDAP) is a partnership that formed in December 2015 under the former name of the Barrie Drug Safety Strategy. The current list of community partners/members include: Simcoe County District School Board, Simcoe Muskoka District School Board, Georgian College, Barrie Police Service, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Provincial Police, Gilbert Centre, Empower Simcoe, RVH Rapid Access Addiction Medicine, Barrie Community Health Centre, County of Simcoe Emergency Services, John Howard Society of Simcoe County, Barrie Region Innovation X Change and a Community member/Peer Advocate with lived experience. The original membership came together under the shared leadership of the Barrie Police Service and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Over the years this table has implemented a fentanyl patch for patch program with local pharmacies, provided opioid awareness presentations across the community and participated in drug drop off events to promote safe disposal of unused and expired medications.

The purpose of this partnership is to work collaboratively to address community concerns regarding substance use issues in Barrie.

The main objectives of this membership include:

- To share drug related data and resources
- To identify educational opportunities and appropriate stakeholders to address them
- To respond to community requests for drug awareness resources
- To identify gaps in drug knowledge on trending substance issues across the city of Barrie
- To identify gaps in services and response to substance use in Barrie

The BDAP recently increased its membership to include Barrie City Staff with the pleasure of adding General Manager of Community and Corporate Services Dawn McAlpine and Barrie Fire Chief Cory Mainprize. It was agreed that the BDAP membership would benefit from having a City Councillor added to provide constituent feedback and expertise in the area of community interests. BDAP meetings have been held on a quarterly basis in the past but have recently

increased to monthly meetings based on the current substance use concerns within the community.

Please accept this request to have a Barrie City Councillor participate on the Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership. The Terms of Reference for BDAP has been attached to this letter for your review. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 705 721- 7520 ext 7436 or by email [mia.brown@smdhu.org](mailto:mia.brown@smdhu.org)

Sincerely,

Mia Brown RN BScN  
Chair of the Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership

# **Terms of Reference For the Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership**

## **Purpose:**

To collaboratively address community concerns regarding substance use issues

## **Objectives**

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## **Membership**

The Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership will strive to have representation or Ad hoc participation from the following organizations:

- Mental Health and Addictions Service Providers
- Health Care Providers and Administrators
- Enforcement
- Public Health
- School Boards
- Post- Secondary Institutions
- Peer Advocate
- Emergency Responders- EMS
- Pharmacists
- Municipal Officials
- Social Services
- Fire Services

## **Role of Members:**

- Attend meetings to the best of their ability
- Participate in discussion and planning when necessary

- Communicate information/resources pertaining to drug use issues in the community and share the information with relevant members within your organization
- Contribute to communications with broader community audiences

**Role of Chair:**

- Ensure minutes and agenda are complete and circulated to members prior to meetings
- Coordinate and facilitate the meetings (*in person, teleconference etc.*)
- Facilitate collaboration between members for shared activities when applicable

**Meeting Frequency:**

- Meetings will be held quarterly ( Jan, April, Sept, Nov) /or at the call of the Chair
- In-person and teleconference options can be provided

**Duration of Committee:**

- At the discretion of the organization/member

**Terms of Reference Approved:** Approved by Barrie Drug Awareness Partnership (BDAP) members on June 28, 2019.