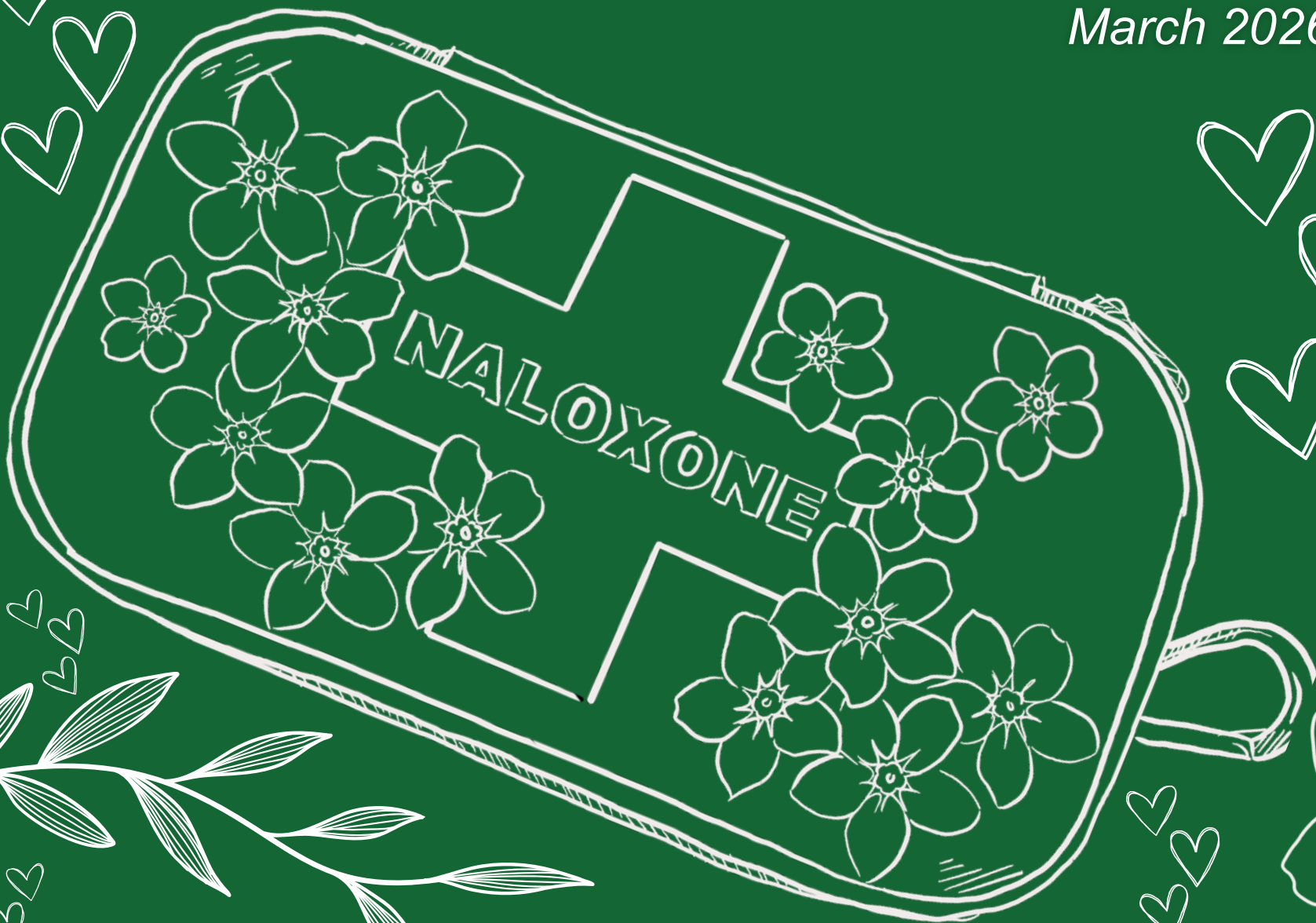




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NETWORK

COMMUNITY CARE TOOLKIT

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The Toronto Drop-In Network (TDIN), is an active coalition of drop-in centres throughout the City of Toronto that work with people who are homeless, marginally housed, or socially isolated. Our Network includes drop-ins of all sizes, and with a diversity of philosophies that serve men, women, transgender and non-binary adults, youth, and seniors. TDIN associate membership includes organizations that provide outreach and other allied services to people who are homeless, marginally housed, or socially isolated.

OUR VISION

To work toward a socially-just Toronto which is safe, healthy, and inclusive.

OUR MISSION

To enhance the capacity of Toronto's network of drop-in centres to improve the quality of life of people who participate in their services.

TDIN created this toolkit in response to the March 2026 announcement that the Ontario provincial government would be cutting the funding to the remaining publicly funded Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs), forcing them to close by June 13, 2026. In Toronto, that includes Moss Park Consumption and Treatment Services, and Fred Victor OnPoint Supervised Consumption Services.

This policy decision deeply impacts the drop-in community, both in the work we do and the communities we belong to. As we collectively navigate the grief of this news and advocate for the wellbeing and rights of our community, TDIN has put together some background information, community resources, and advocacy tools that may support how we as a community move through the reality of these changes, together.

People who use drugs are **PEOPLE** and deserving of love, compassion, support, joy, connection, and safety. Forcing the closure of Supervised Consumption Sites goes against evidence-based research from community, public health authorities, and social policy recommendations in relation to substance use. **Harm reduction is health care** and we champion for everyone in our city to have access to the care and sense of belonging they need.

We love you. We see you. We stand with you.



The TDIN Team

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BACKGROUND



TDIN Advocacy Campaign



TNG Charter Challenge



Rally at Queen's Park



BILL 223

In **August 2024**, the Ontario government announced that it would impose new restrictions on Supervised Consumption Services (SCS). The province declared that it would ban SCS within 200 metres of schools and childcare centres and prohibit municipalities from establishing or supporting new SCSs. These restrictions became law on **December 4, 2024**, through the passing of the *Community Care and Recovery Act, 2024, SO 2024 (CCRA)*.

CHARTER CHALLENGE

On **December 10, 2024**, The Neighbourhood Group Community Services (TNGCS) started legal action against the Community Care and Recovery Act, which was passed in the Ontario Legislature as part of Bill 223. The Act forced the closure of at least 10 Supervised Consumption Sites across Ontario, and will result in increased toxic drug deaths and devastating health outcomes for people who use substances. This bill was hastily passed on December 4th with no public debate, nor input from Indigenous communities, those with lived experience and other experts, including those who provide this life-saving healthcare on the frontlines.

COMMUNITY ADVAOCED FIERCELY & PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE CLOSURE OF OUR SCSS

Despite strong community organizing, many of our SCSs were forced to close their doors and end their services on April 1, 2025.

LEARN MORE:

[HIV Legal Network Background Document on the Charter challenge to the Community Care and Recovery Act, 2024](#)

[The Neighbourhood Group Background on Legal Action Against Bill 223](#)

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

BILL 6

On **April 30, 2025**, the province introduced Bill 6, the **Safer Municipalities Act**, which aims to strengthen law enforcement's ability to deter trespassing and public consumption of illegal substances. The government news release explained the legislation will “protect community safety in parks and public spaces”, with a goal to “provide municipalities and police with the enhanced tools they need to end encampments and clean up our parks and public spaces.”

BILL 10

The Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act is a broad ‘justice-and-safety’ omnibus bill that was passed into law on **June 5th, 2025**.

This Act imposes penalties on landlords who knowingly permit their units to be used for drug production and/or trafficking as well as for knowingly possessing the proceeds from drug production and/or trafficking. People who use drugs, or people who are *assumed* to use drugs will be heavily discriminated against because of this.

In conjunction with Bill 223, Bill 6 and Bill 10 further criminalize homelessness and both target and harm unhoused and precariously housed people who use drugs.

Click the links below to read the details of each Bill

[Bill 223, Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024](#)

[Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025](#)

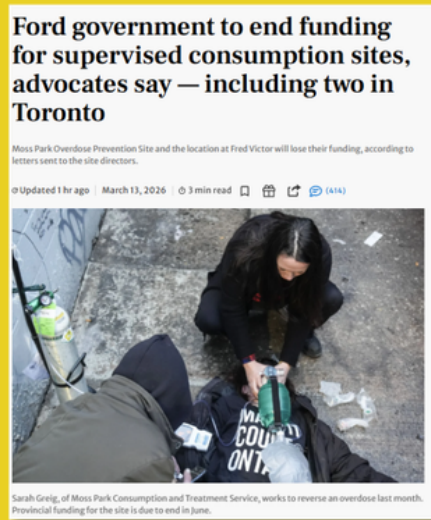
[Bill 10, Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025](#)

LEARN MORE:

[Canadian Mental Health Association briefing on how Bill 6 will negatively impact unhoused people](#)

[Canadian Mental Health Association briefing on how Bill 10 will negatively impact unhoused people](#)

WHAT WE'RE HEARING IN COMMUNITY



Click on the images to read full articles



IN THE NEWS

Some related articles that feature community members & advocates

[Overdoses at Toronto drop-in centres have spiked since closure of 4 supervised consumption sites.](#) CTV News

[Ford government to end funding for remaining supervised consumption sites: advocates.](#) CTV News

[From harm reduction to harm production: A frontline physician on the closure of safe consumption sites](#)

[Ontario to end funding to multiple drug consumption sites, forcing them to close](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

“This feels like a punch to the gut. Where are people supposed to go?”

“This is reckless and heartbreaking. SCSs are health care, how can you just take that away from people? It’s health care AND a connection to other services. We’re in a housing crisis AND a toxic drug crisis! What do they want people to do?”

“People will die”

“Whose safety are they so concerned about? Not mine. Not my community’s safety.”

“HARM REDUCTION SAVES LIVES. LET PEOPLE LIVE.”



SHARE YOUR STORY



Use creative expression to share your story



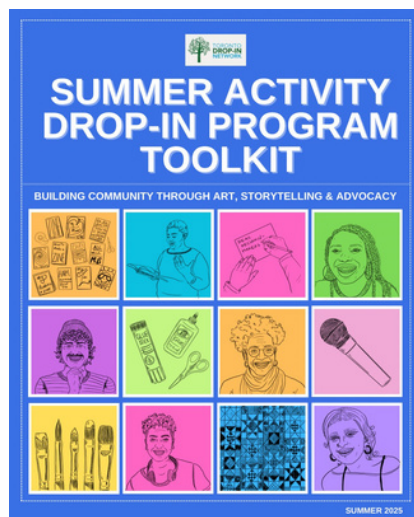
Attend local events & rallies to connect with others



Share your story to move decision makers to action

Storytelling has been used cross-culturally since time immemorial as a tool for expressing the complexities of what it is to be human. The poly-crisis (toxic drug supply, housing insecurity, food insecurity, climate devastation, political violence, and so much more) we are currently facing is simply too heavy to carry by any one person. Being in community and using forms of creative expression can help us collectively move through our feelings and cultivate hope.

You don't have to consider yourself an artist in order to share your story. Your voice matters. Storytelling can happen through our voices, song, dance, movement, art, meditation, writing and other avenues that feel right for you.



You can find TDIN's Summer Drop-In Program Toolkit on the [TDIN website](#).

In this resource, you will find a mix of art-making ideas, storytelling prompts, and advocacy projects—each meant to inspire self-expression and strengthen community connections. These activities can also be done independently.

The Harm Reduction Advocacy Collective (HRAC)

created a beautiful zine in community in response to the initial forced closures of SCSs. YOU can find it online:

<https://hractoronto.net/ZineApril2025.html>

Find HRAC on Instagram
[@hac_toronto](#)





TAKE ACTION: WRITE YOUR MPP

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER OR EMAIL TO YOUR MPP

Are you or your community impacted by the forced closures of publicly funded SCSs recently announced by the Ontario Government? If you want to have your voice heard, you can write to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP).

WHY WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR MPP?

Writing a letter/email to your MPP gives you the opportunity to make your voice heard as a constituent of their riding. Your voice matters! MPPs are in roles that require them to advocate for their constituents, but they need to hear from us in order to push for change.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE IN MY LETTER OR EMAIL?

- Who you are, what neighbourhood you live in
- What concerns you most
- How you feel about it (share your story in how this impacts you and your community directly)
- What you want to be done or changed
- A date by which you want to hear about what they are going to do
- Your name and (e-mail) address

WHO SHOULD I SEND MY LETTER OR EMAIL?

If you want to gain the support from your Local MPP:

1. Find your provincial riding (see page 8 for link)
2. Find (MPPs) email(s) and address(es) here (also found on page 8)

Copy the Premier and the Minister of Health too, as it was their combined decision to shutter the SCSs.

PREMIER, DOUG FORD

doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

MINISTER OF HEALTH, SILVIA JONES

sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

HOW TO FIND YOUR MPP



There are 25 Members of Provincial Parliament that represent ridings in Toronto. The forced closure of the SCSs was a provincial decision and your elected official is accountable to you as a constituent. Your voice matters! Let your MPP know how the forced closures of Toronto's publicly funded SCSs impact you and your community.

Current MPPs

Current party standings
Total seats: 124

79 Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario	26 New Democratic Party of Ontario	14 Ontario Liberal Party
2 Green Party of Ontario	2 Independent	1 Vacant seat(s)

Find an MPP

Search for an MPP by name or by street address and postal code. You can also filter results to view MPPs by party.

MPP name Address and postal code Filter by party

Enter the MPP's first and/or last name 111 Wellesley St. W, M7A 1A2

NOT SURE WHO YOUR MPP IS?

There is a search tool on the Ontario Legislative Assembly's website. Click on the image to the left, or visit www.ola.org/en/members/current to find the current MPP for where you live. Type in your postal code or address to find the contact information for your MPP. If you don't have a physical address, you can use your local drop-in's address.

WAYS TO CONTACT YOUR MPP

On the Ontario Legislative Assembly's website, you will find your MPP's email address, phone number, Constituency Office (Office in your community), and Legislative Office (Office at Queen's Park). These are all ways that you can contact your MPP as an individual or as a group. You could work with a small group of community members, neighbours, drop-in program participants, co-workers, friends or found families to share your needs/concerns/stories as a community.

You could also invite your MPP to come visit your drop-in program for a tour and to connect with frontline staff and program participants in-person or virtually.



MPP LETTER/EMAIL TEMPLATE

Name of MPP
Street Address
Toronto, Postal Code

Date

Dear (Full Name of MPP)

My name is [your name here] and I am a resident of [your riding/neighbourhood here]. I am writing to you to express my concerns with the announcement of funding cuts to our remaining publicly funded Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs) in Toronto.

On March 13th the Ontario provincial government announced they would be cutting the funding to the remaining publicly funded Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs), forcing them to close by June 13, 2026.

[Paragraph 2: Share your story. How you feel and how the issue affects you, your neighbours, and your community]

[Paragraph 3: What you want done or changed]

[Date by which you want to hear back from them]

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I look forward to receiving a response from you and seeing you take action to support our community.

Sincerely,
[Your Name here]

Name
Address
Toronto, ON
Postal Code
Email
Phone Number

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Here are some community-based resources that may support connecting with others, moving through grief and advocating for change.

ADVOCACY & INFO SHARING



[Progress Toronto Online Petition: Tell Ford to Restore Access to Overdose Prevention](#)



[HIV Legal Network: Protecting Supervised Consumption Sites in Ontario](#)



[Fund Ontario's Supervised Consumption Sites Now MPP Letter Campaign](#)



[Toronto Drug Checking Services](#)

Launched in October 2019, Toronto's Drug Checking Service offers people who use drugs timely and detailed information on the contents of their drugs, helping them to make more informed decisions.

This drug checking service also helps to uncover the makeup of Toronto's unregulated drug supply. Information on Toronto's unregulated drug supply is made publicly available.



[Toronto Indigenous Harm Reduction](#)

Toronto Indigenous Harm Reduction (TIHR) emerged in April 2020 during the first wave of the COVID19

pandemic in response to a massive shutdown of frontline services & a lack of basic needs for Indigenous houseless folks in the city of Toronto.

They are doing critical frontline work in community. Follow and support their work.

HOLDING SPACE FOR GRIEF



[Breakaway GLoW Initiative: Grief, Loss and Wellness](#)

GLoW Initiative offers supports to frontline workers, community-facing management and coordinators, and community supporters who have been impacted by the trauma and overwhelming loss of the overdose crisis.

CARE THROUGH CHAOS

[Care Through Chaos: Impact Debriefs & Grief Circles](#)

Facilitated group or individual sessions for workers impacted by stress, trauma, grief, and violence in the workplace.



[Toronto Homelessness Memorial: Online Memorial List and In-Person Monthly Memorials](#)

Held on the **second Tuesdays of each month**, the Homeless memorial is a space for all of us to gather to remember our friends, family, neighbours, and strangers who died while homeless in Toronto or due to having been homeless in Toronto.

Join in-person at the south doors of Church of the Holy Trinity at 12 PM or online on [Trinity CommUNITY Hub's Instagram](#). These live streams can be viewed even if you don't have an Instagram account.



STAY CONNECTED

FIND A DROP-IN

If you are looking to connect with community and services, like Harm Reduction Supplies & Supports, there is a service finder on the TDIN website: www.tdin.ca/service-finder

You can use the Search Bar, the Service Finder page, or go to the Members dropdown menu and access information about each individual drop-in and the services they provide.



FIND US ONLINE



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[TDIN](https://www.facebook.com/TDIN)



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