

**Resolution 2023-05: Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People**

Submitted by: The City of Thunder Bay

**RECOMMENDATION:**

“WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, dated January 3, 2023, we recommend that council endorse the policy recommendations prepared by Drug Strategy Network of Ontario: “Solutions to End the Drug Poisoning Crisis in Ontario: Choosing a New Direction”;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay request the province declare the drug poisoning crisis an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA, RSO 1990) and create a Provincial Task Force to address the crisis as outlined by the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call on the province to provide adequate funding to expand evidence-informed harm reduction and treatment practices throughout Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call of the province to eliminate the structural stigma that discriminates against people who use drugs;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call of the province to increase its investments in prevention and early intervention services that provide foundational support for the health, safety, and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, FCM, the Minister of Health – Ontario and the Premier of Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.

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| Committee Recommendation:<br>Approve | Conference Recommendation: |
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