

October 6, 2023

Amplify Social Media Messaging

Thank you for your ongoing report to Save The Spot – to save lives!

We would love your help spreading the word! A few ideas on how you can help:

1. Share our social posts on the issue and tag the minister to generate more signatures! Our posts:
 - a. [Facebook Post](#)
 - b. [Instagram Post](#)
 - c. Make your own Instagram post with these [resources](#)

2. If you want to take it a step further, you could email the minister directly from your organization with a more custom letter. His email is: Michael.Tibolloco@pc.ola.org

	 <p>Images 1-3 Call to Action Graphics for Reel</p> <p>stitch graphics together with music Instagram Tik Toc</p>
<p>Download the image here</p>	<p>Image One Two Three</p>

SOCIAL MESSAGING:

INSTAGRAM

Help us [#SaveTheSpot](#) and get funding to save lives! Follow the link in bio to sign our petition and email MPP [@michaeltibollo](#) in just a few clicks so we can pressure the province to approve our funding application and save Sudbury’s supervised consumption site.

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WHY IT MATTERS?

Since 2018 there has been a **346 per cent increase in opioid overdose deaths in Sudbury** compared to 60 per cent in Ontario. [112 Sudbury and Manitoulin residents](#) died from an opioid-related overdose in 2022, an average of 9 people a month, and we have already had 78 fatalities this year.

In the middle of a drug poisoning epidemic The Spot has been essential for Sudbury, reducing overdose deaths, reducing the transmission of infectious diseases, reducing risk and connecting individuals with essential social and healthcare services. In 2023 alone, The Spot had almost 1,000 visits and reversed all 15 overdoses that happened on site, saving lives and drug checking services to prevent the risk of overdose.

Each overdose is a person, and when we reverse an overdose that is a person who is still alive.

During the Question period October 5th, NDP MPP Jamie West outlined how The Spot saves lives; yet those who run the site are receiving layoff notices due to lack of movement from the province. Minister West noted how an average of **9 people a month died in Sudbury died from overdose last year, 3 times the provincial average.**

Assoc. Minister of Addictions and Mental Health, Michael A. Tibollo responded and attributed the sudden revisiting of site funding due to public safety concerns surrounding the daytime shooting that occurred around Leslieville's Safe Consumption Site earlier this summer, despite that shooting having [no proven connection to the site](#) and The Spot's application being submitted years ago.

Evidence of SCS sites causing crime in surrounding neighbourhoods is limited or non-existent. In the case of the Spot, the Sudbury police chief even signed a letter endorsing the funding, highlighting The Spot's importance to public safety, and when the Moss Park SCS opened in 2017, in its first year [assaults and robberies dropped](#). What's more, all SCS's have security and are held to the same safety standards as hospitals, transitional care homes, and shelters.

Minister Tibollo requested an investigation of all CTS after a by passer lost their life this summer, putting a 'pause' on approving pending applications. This government has conducted a review of Supervised Consumption Site / Overdose Prevention Site in 2018. I ask the Minister of Red Tape Reduction, @MPParmGill review waste of time and resources while people die.

If this funding application is approved, we can keep our doors open, move to a more central location, stay open longer and ultimately help more people.

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