

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Naloxone availability in City facilities

Date Prepared: February 22, 2023

Report To: Committee of the Whole

Councillor and Role: Councillor Ron Ellsworth, Finance & Administration

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required: To accept recommendations by staff for the availability of Naloxone kits in City facilities.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The purpose of this decision note is to respond to a recommendation made in a recent Aquatics audit report to determine if the City should develop and implement a Naloxone workplace program. City staff investigated two options;

1. Arrange for the training of all front line staff in the administering of naloxone during an opioid overdose including supply and ready access to kits in City of St. John's facilities;
or
2. To provide to staff, on a volunteer basis, access to training on administering of naloxone during an opioid overdose and to ensure the availability and ready access of kits in City of St. John's facilities.

In both scenarios, Naloxone kits will be placed in the primary AED cabinets located in City facilities.

Naloxone kits are available in two formats;

1. Nasal spray – dosage is premeasured and delivered via an individual dosage spray bottle. This method is the easiest and requires less action by the person administering the dose.
2. Injection – kit contains syringes and vials with the drug. Administering the injection requires filling the syringe with the correct dosage and administering it to a large muscle. This method is more complex with multiple steps.

Training will be offered in the Emergency First Aid course taken by staff who are required to have first aid under OHS legislation. Staff not included in legislated first aid training but who

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voluntarily wish to take naloxone training, will be able to access online training through a link on the intranet. This approach is similar to the AED training.

Currently, the Canadian Red Cross is partnered with Health Canada to provide kits free of charge to those who have participated in Red Cross training. The Health Canada program is scheduled to end in 2024, there is a requirement that trained persons must be on site for kits to be present.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications:

No current budget is approved for this initiative, if a 3rd party funding program is unavailable or ceases, the cost of individual kits are \$172 each and there would be approximately 42 locations resulting in an annual cost of \$7224.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

- City staff
- Canadian Red Cross
- Health Canada

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

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4. Alignment with Adopted Plans:

5. Accessibility and Inclusion:

6. Legal or Policy Implications:

7. Privacy Implications:

8. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

9. Human Resource Implications:

10. Procurement Implications:

Should the City have to procure Naloxone kits, then the Public Procurement Act will be followed.

11. Information Technology Implications: N/A

12. Other Implications:

Recommendation:

That Council provide to staff, on a volunteer basis, access to training on the administration of naloxone during an opioid overdose and to ensure the availability and ready access of Nasal Spray kits in City of St. John's facilities.

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