



# City of Cambridge Consumption and Treatment Services Planning Study



## Drop-In Session

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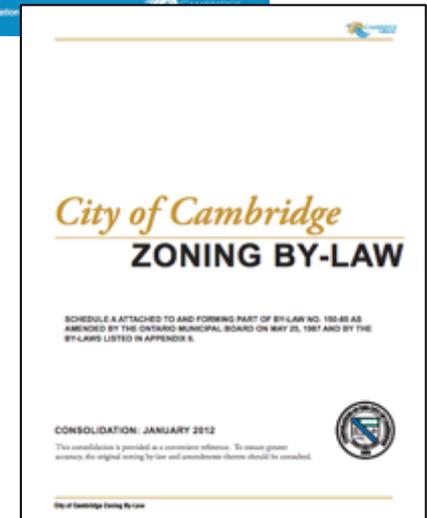
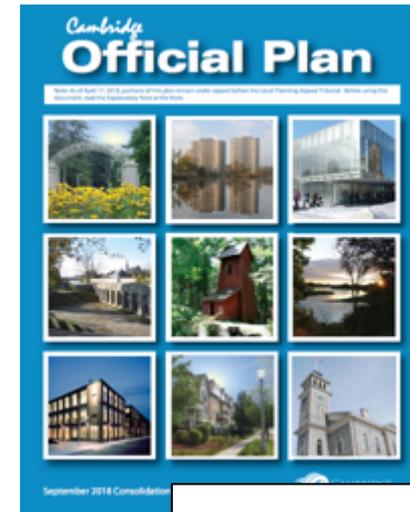
# Agenda

**This presentation will:**

- **Provide a description of a Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) Site;**
- **Provide an overview of the Consumption and Treatment Services Planning Study (CTS Planning Study);**
- **Identify key dates;**
- **Provide an overview of the directions from Cambridge Council, including a description of the Interim Control By-law and its effect;**
- **Provide a description of the Waterloo Regional Public Health Feasibility Study; and**
- **Identify the next steps for the CTS Planning Study.**

# Important Notes

- The City of Cambridge CTS Planning Study is intended to recommend any needed Official Plan policies and Zoning By-law regulations to control which Official Plan designation and By-law zone a CTS Site could locate in.
- The Federal Government is the approval authority for each CTS Site.
- A City Council resolution of support is required as part of an application for a CTS Site if Provincial funding is being applied for.
- The city-wide CTS Planning Study will not identify nor review individual sites.



# What is a CTS Site?

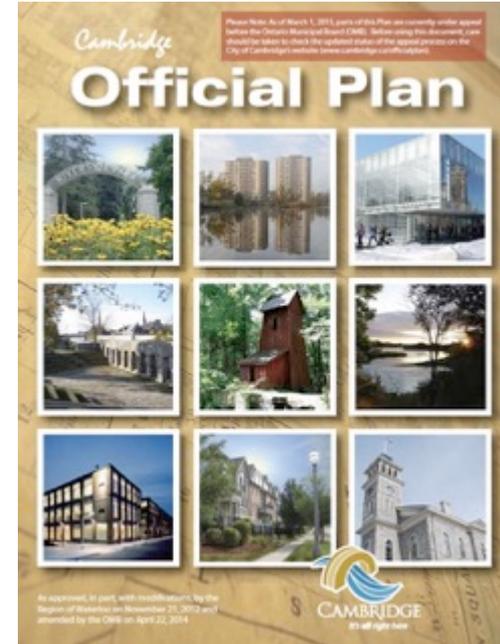
- **In Canada, possession of controlled substances (drugs) is illegal.**
- **A CTS Site is a facility where people can bring their pre-obtained drugs to consume in a safe and sterile environment – *As of December 2019, there are 16 sites that are legally operating in Ontario.***
- **A range of support services is required at a CTS Site (drug treatment, counselling, withdrawal management and housing referral services).**
- **A CTS Site can only be set up if Health Canada grants an exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act – *This allows staff to operate the site without repercussions from the police.***
- **The purpose of a CTS Site is to:**
  - **Prevent overdose deaths;**
  - **Facilitate entry into drug treatment services;**
  - **Reduce risk of disease transmission;**
  - **Reduce public disorder;**
  - **Connect people who use drugs with health and social services; and,**
  - **Reduce impacts on emergency services.**

# Intent of the CTS Planning Study

An Official Plan applies to the entire city and sets out the long term vision for a community and the conditions under which certain types of development can occur on land within the city.

With this in mind, the city-wide CTS Planning Study will make recommendations on:

- **Areas where a CTS Site could be considered, if one was proposed** – *This means that certain areas of the city could be identified broadly as being potentially acceptable locations;*
- **The City's criteria that would need to be satisfied by a proponent, before a CTS Site could be permitted** – *This means that a series of criteria dealing with physical location, setbacks from certain uses and size could be established in the Official Plan; and,*
- **Whether a zoning by-law amendment would be required before a CTS Site could be permitted** – *This means that the Official Plan could require a re-zoning for a proposed CTS Site so that site-specific considerations can be reviewed in a public process and on a case-by-case basis.*

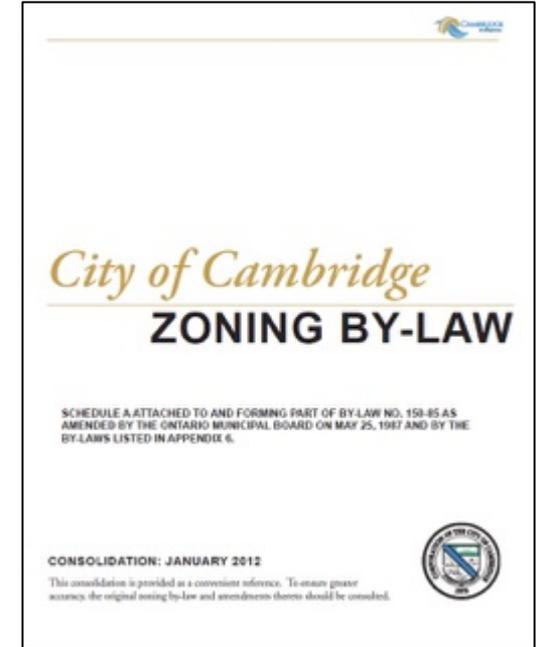


# Intent of the CTS Planning Study (cont'd)

A Zoning By-law establishes the regulations for each type of land use (such as setbacks, height and parking) on all parcels of land within the city.

With this in mind, the city-wide CTS Planning Study will make recommendations on:

- **Which zones (if any) a CTS Site could be permitted** – *This means that a CTS Site could be permitted in certain zones or parts of zones, or not permitted in any zone;*
- **The regulations that would apply to the parcel of land on which a CTS Site was proposed** – *Such as setbacks from property lines, location of entrances, amount of required parking; and,*
- **The broader regulations that may apply** – *Such as setbacks from certain zone boundaries (such as residential) and/or certain uses (such as schools and other similar uses).*



# CTS Planning Study Considerations

With this type of land use, there are a number of considerations including:

- **Where the potential patrons of the use are located** – *This means that such a use should ideally be located where there are higher rates of public consumption – however, they could also be integrated with other health care related uses;*
- **The location of the use in relation to pedestrian-oriented public space and commercial areas** – *This means a determination needs to be made on whether such a use should be integrated with or separated from these types of areas;*
- **The setbacks from other uses that should be established** – *Such as from schools and other institutional uses and residential neighbourhoods; and,*
- **The minimum physical size of the use** – *To accommodate the required wraparound services and potential growth of the site.*

# CTS Planning Study Process

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Complete background research

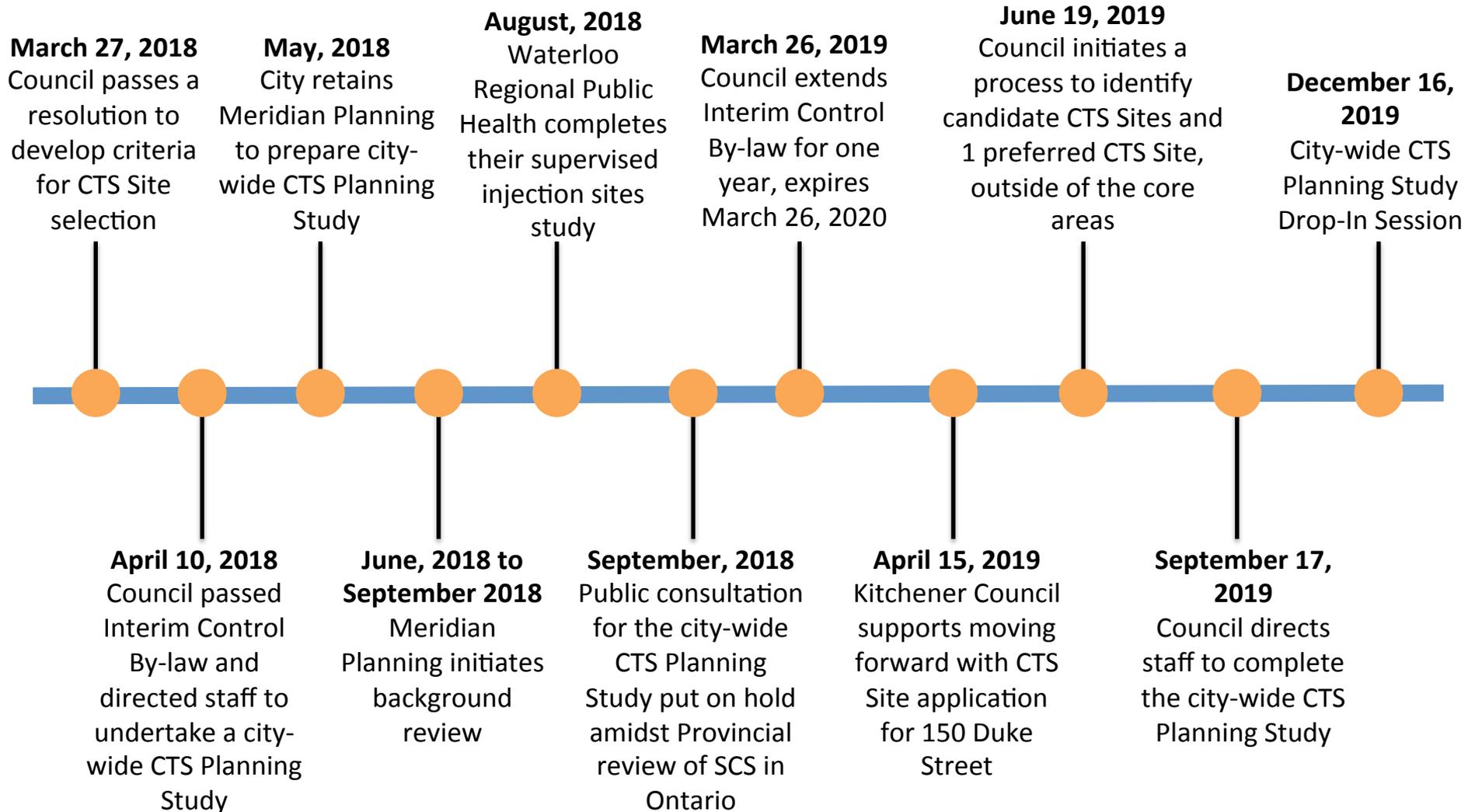
Drop-In Session and prepare summary of comments

Identify options and prepare recommendations for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law

Potential Statutory Public Meeting

Potential Council Meeting for approval

# Key Dates



# Cambridge Council Directions

**On March 27, 2018, City Council passed a resolution indicating that:**

- *The Region consult with the City in developing criteria for possible locations before identifying a specific site; and,*
- *Any site under consideration shall be located outside the three core areas.*

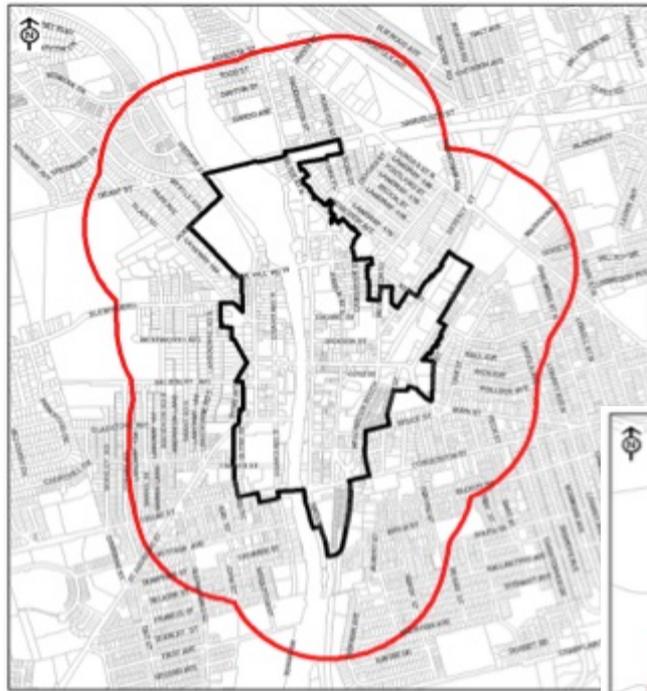
**On April 10, 2018, City Council passed an Interim Control By-law that prohibits the establishment of a SCS Site (now a CTS Site):**

- *Within the three core areas of the City; and,*
- *Within 500 metres of the three core areas.*

**The Interim Control By-law was extended by one year on March 26, 2019 to March 26, 2020 which allows the City time to prepare a city-wide CTS Planning Study that recommends:**

- *Official Plan policies that establish the criteria under which a SCS Site (now a CTS Site) (or similar use) may be considered, if one is proposed; and,*
- *Zoning by-law regulations that set out the zoning rules that should apply, if one is proposed.*

# Lands Affected by Interim Control By-law



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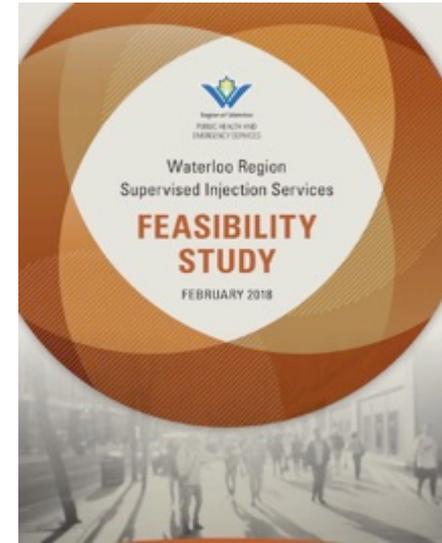
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# Waterloo Regional Public Health

- In 2018, Waterloo Regional Public Health completed a study on supervised injection services, however that study is not directly related to the city-wide CTS Planning Study.
- The Public Health study concluded that supervised consumption services are needed and the Region's focus has been on finding sites.
- On April 15, 2019, City of Kitchener Council supported moving forward with a Federal and Provincial application (made by Public Health) for a CTS Site in a freestanding building at 150 Duke Street West.
- On October 15, 2019, the interim CTS Site began operations on the second floor, while renovations to the remainder of the building are anticipated by Spring 2020.
- [www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/consumption-and-treatment-services.aspx](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/consumption-and-treatment-services.aspx)



150 Duke Street West

# Next Steps

The next steps in the city-wide CTS Planning Study are to:

- **Prepare a summary of the comments that we receive until January 10, 2020**
  - *There is a comment table in the foyer where you can provide comments. Comments can also be provided through email or through the CTS Planning Study webpage on the city's website; and,*
- **Identify options and make recommendations to Cambridge Council in the new year** – *This includes options and recommendations for Official Plan policies and Zoning By-law regulations.*

## Project Website

Please visit the CTS Planning Study website to download materials related to this study:

[www.cambridge.ca/planningstudy](http://www.cambridge.ca/planningstudy)

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