

Proclamation: International Overdose Awareness Day

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Temagami does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

AND WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the people who went unseen and whose lives have been altered by overdose; and

AND WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of thousands of Ontarians during the past year, together with countless more affected forever; and

AND WHEREAS, 6 suspected drug-related deaths occurred during the first half of 2023, and a total of 14 deaths during the last year in the Timiskaming Health Unit region ^[1]; and

AND WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our friends, and deserving of our love, compassion, and support;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dan O'Mara, Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in the Municipality of Temagami

[1] Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service. (2023).