# Closure of Supervised Consumption Site/Consumption Treatment Services at Queen West (168 Bathurst St)

Due to provincial legislation and government decisions, the Supervised Consumption Site/Consumption Treatment Service (SCS/CTS) at our Queen West site, (168 Bathurst St), officially closed on April 1, 2025.

We understand this change will impact clients of the service at this site. Our team is actively supporting individuals in connecting with our Parkdale site (1229 Queen St W) and other nearby SCS locations, as well as continuing to provide other services and supports through our Centre.

## Clarifying the Legal Context: Recent Injunction & Queen West site

While a recent court injunction allows for the continued operation of SCS/CTS services in general, the Queen West site does not currently hold an active exemption from Health Canada and cannot legally operate without one. Additionally, the provincial government will no longer fund operations at the Queen West SCS/CTS site.

#### **Our Commitment to Clients**

We recognize that this is a difficult transition. Please know that our top priority remains the health, safety, and dignity of our clients, and their continued access to care and support. We are committed to providing:

- Clear information about alternative SCS/CTS service locations
- One-on-one support to navigate next steps
- Peer support services to assist in transitions and ongoing care

We encourage all clients to reach out for more information or assistance in accessing services. Our team remains available to discuss individual needs and provide guidance. We are here to help ensure that everyone is aware of their options and has the support they need to continue their journey in a safe, supportive environment.

## **Ongoing Overdose Prevention & Community Safety Efforts**

We understand that some clients are experiencing homelessness and that not all will leave the Queen W and Bathurst neighbourhood to access SCS services elsewhere.

This raises concerns about increased overdose risks and unsupervised substance use in public spaces.

To respond to this need, our Overdose Prevention Workers and Community Safety Team (CST) will continue providing critical services within a 200-meter radius of the former Queen West site. These services include:

- Overdose response
- Crisis de-escalation
- Neighborhood patrols and safety support

#### Alternate SCS/CTS Sites Available

#### 1. Our Parkdale SCS/CTS site - 1229 Queen St W

This site remains fully operational and will continue to provide a safe space for clients to access supervised consumption services. We encourage clients to visit this site, where they will continue to receive harm reduction support, supervised consumption, and other services provided in a compassionate and non-judgmental environment.

## 2. <u>KMOPS (Kensington Market Overdose Prevention Site, TNG)</u> - 260 Augusta Ave

Located in Kensington Market, KMOPS provides supervised consumption and harm reduction services, and staff there are available to offer assistance and guidance.

#### 3. Other SCS/CTS Services Across Toronto:

For a complete list of available SCS/CTS services in Toronto, visit here

### **Need Support or Have a Question?**

Please drop by the Health Centre at 168 Bathurst St. or call us at 416-703-8482 to speak with Brittany Beaton, Manager, HART Hub.

You can also speak directly to a CST member on patrol; they will relay your concerns to our staff for timely follow-up.