

## **History of PDS**

2005

During the summer of 2005, the Four Counties Needle Exchange Coalition, which had been in operation since 1997, reported an increase in the number and severity of complaints of found needles on both public and private properties. The Health Hazards program staff agreed to facilitate consultations with representatives from: the City and County of Peterborough, municipal and provincial police forces, the Four Counties Needle Exchange Coalition, Emergency Medical Services, and the Peterborough County-City Health Unit, with the goal of developing a community-wide protocol for the referral, safe handling, and disposal of found used-needles and/or sharps.

2008

2009

**2009-Present PDS was established** in **2009** by four partnering

organizations: Peterborough Public Health, PARN – Your Community AIDS Resource Network, Four Counties Addiction Service Team, and Peterborough Police Service. These organizations were united in their view that collaboration around how addiction is addressed in our community is crucial to supporting the needs of individuals who use substances as well as their families and support people.

2008-2012 The 4 Counties Harm Reduction Coalition (4CHRC) was founded in 2008 to promote the

health, safety and dignity of individuals and communities affected by the continuum of drug and/or alcohol use in Haliburton, Peterborough and Northumberland Counties and in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

PDS Launches <u>Building the Foundation</u> to Wellness – A Strategic Plan to help identify community priorities and guide our work.

2012

2013

**2013-2015 Youth Projects** Between 2013- and 2015, the Peterborough Drug Strategy successfully implemented several community-based projects designed to address substance use among youth.

2015

**2015-Present A Question of Care launched** in 2015 as an awareness campaign and training initiative for helping professionals in Peterborough. It continues today as a local capacity-building initiative focused on building and strengthening skills, knowledge, and awareness to address the intersections between trauma, stigma, substance use, and mental illness by creating space for mutual learning, respectful dialogue, and fostering collaboration between professionals.



#### 2016-2017 Emergency Department Naloxone Access Project

The Peterborough Police Service with PDS and other supporting organizations received funding in August 2016 from the Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing program to work with the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) to implement a naloxone distribution kit program through the hospital's emergency department.

2016

**2017** 

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# **2017-2018** Peterborough Overdose Prevention Project

The Peterborough Police Service with PDS and other supporting organizations received funding in July 2017 from the Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing program to support the harm reduction work already happening in our community.

#### 2017-2018 Consumer Advisory Panel

The PDS Panel was an opportunity for people with lived experience related to substance use to use their experiences to help inform local programs, policies and initiatives. It was also an opportunity for organizations to get feedback on their activities and adapt them to better meet the needs of people with lived experience of substance use.

Over the course of a one-year pilot project (2017-18), we established the panel, which offered consulting services to PDS member organizations. We are currently exploring additional funding opportunities to support a second phase of this project, with a goal of expanding access to the panel's services beyond PDS partners to any interested organization in the community.

# **2018-2020** Peterborough Community Cannabis Project

PDS is supporting helping professionals and members of the public in Peterborough City and County with evidence-based information and supports as we transition to legal cannabis for non-medical use.

2018

Internal PDS Strategic Planning Framework launched

2019



2020

### 2018-2020 Question of Car Business Plan & Evaluation Framework

With funding from Innoweave, QoC worked with a social enterprise coach to help solidify the business plan to ensure the future sustainability of the program, including evaluating the impacts.

2020

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2020-2023 Mobile Support Overdose Resource Team

MSORT is a collaborative pilot project serving people in Peterborough City and County with the intent to reduce overdoses and minimize the risk of harms related to overdose and substance use, especially opioids. PDS played a supportive role with knowledge translation and evaluation of the project.

2020-2023 Hostile Unit Takeover

Project The project focuses on research, education and the creation of a manual intended to help collate existing tools and resources as well as provide some Peterborough Kawartha specific context for use by PDS members, regional partners and organizations.

2022 CTS is funded!

After 4+ years of hard work amongst PDS Partners, the Consumption and Treatment site is funded.

2022

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**2022-2023 PDS Lived Experience Advisory Panel** PDS is able to relaunch the Panel to offer consultations and Advisory