

# Media Release



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DRUG AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY  
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L'ALCOOL DU TIMISKAMING

## **Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy Releases Its Inaugural Annual Report**

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The Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy (TDAS) is proud to announce the release of its first report to the community. Led by the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU), this report marks a milestone in the ongoing efforts to address substance use and addiction in the district.

TDAS was formed to better understand and tackle the complex issues related to substance use in Timiskaming, with a focus on improving the quality of life for all residents. The strategy employs a multi-faceted approach, guided by a multi-sectoral Steering Committee and four Pillar Working Groups focusing on Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery, and Community Safety. This report provides an overview of the strategy, including its governing structure, guiding principles, and the progress made in each of its four pillars. It also highlights the collaborative efforts of over 20 community organizations and the invaluable insights of individuals with lived and living experiences of substance use.

"We are immensely proud of what we have accomplished in this first year," said Angele Desormeau, the Director of Addiction Services and Housing at CMHA-CT, and co-chair of TDAS. "This report not only reflects our collective efforts but also reinforces our commitment to creating a healthier, safer Timiskaming."

The TDAS invites the community, stakeholders, and media representatives to read the report, which is a testament to the power of community engagement and collaborative action. The report is available on the TDAS website at <https://tdas.ca/>. Stay informed about the ongoing work and updates from the Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy by visiting the website and following us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/www.tdas.ca](http://www.facebook.com/www.tdas.ca)

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### **About Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy (TDAS)**

The Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy is a community-led initiative aimed at reducing the harms associated with substance use and improving the health and well-being of residents in the Timiskaming region. Established in 2021, TDAS brings together community organizations, healthcare providers, and individuals with lived experience to create a comprehensive approach to substance use challenges.

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