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**From:** Richardson, Jan  
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**To:** Orser, Stephen  
**Cc:** Fair, Ross; Howard, Cindy  
**Subject:** RE: NEEDLE BIN INQUIRY

Good afternoon Councillor Orser,

The following is a response to your inquiry regarding the stationary needle bin collection.

Thirteen stationary needle collection bins have been installed at strategic locations in priority core areas in London to assist with the collection of discarded drug using equipment. The London CARES peer initiative collects discarded drug using equipment including syringes. Proposed locations for new needle bins coincide with known hot spots.

The stationary needle collection bins and collection of drug using equipment are part of the London Addiction Response Strategy (CAREs). This is one part of a comprehensive strategy aimed at improving the health outcomes of individuals experiencing homelessness and street involved individuals.

In 2011 127,901 needles were collected through the bins, peers and outreach (112,439 through stationary needle bins and 15,462 through outreach). In addition, of the 15,793 syringes collected by the London CARES peer outreach in 2011 3,087 or 19.5% are collected from the Dundas Street corridor east of Adelaide Street.

**Current location of the 13 bins:**

- 580 Dundas St – LMHC
- 130 King St – Covent Garden Market, Market Lane
- Forks of the Thames
- 459 York St – Mission Services
- 241 Simcoe St – LMHC
- Victoria Park
- 186 King St – RHAC
- Harris Park
- Bathurst St. at Ridout
- Bathurst St. at Richmond
- Bathurst St. at the Salvation Army Centre of Hope
- Municipal Parking Lot – Queens and Adelaide
- Municipal Parking Lot – Queens and Lyle

The total cost of the Needle bin collection program is \$ 26,750. This includes the peer engagement program, supervision, bin and bucket maintenance and biohazard disposal.

The high use is attributable to the additional needle bins and collection efforts including neighbourhood awareness and education to the drug using community about the safe disposal of used equipment. Our combined efforts are increasingly successful in keeping our parks and streets safer.

Please let us know if you require additional information.

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