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**Develop a multi-level strategy for the creation and regulation of supervised injection sites**

**WHEREAS** in 2002, the Special Committee on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs suggested that “the Government of Canada remove any federal regulatory or legislative barriers to the implementation of scientific trials and pilot projects, and assist and encourage the development of protocols to determine the effectiveness of safe injection facilities in reducing the social and health problems related to injection drug use.”

**WHEREAS** as of 2009, there were sixty-five supervised injection sites in twenty-seven cities around the world, with many countries seeing supervised injection sites as critical to successful harm reduction drug policy

**WHEREAS** the evidence from jurisdictions which have implemented some form of this facility in the past twenty-five years reasonably demonstrates that supervised injection sites are effective in fostering public order and community vitality, reducing death from overdose and the spread of infectious diseases, reducing public drug use, reducing overall demand on health care infrastructure, and increasing the adoption of safer injection techniques.

**WHEREAS** an expert advisory panel convened by the federal Minister of Health in 2006 undertook a cost-benefit analysis of supervised injection sites and concluded that Canada’s first supervised injection site, Insite, saved the health care system up to \$2.90 for every dollar it received in funding, all while operating at no charge to the client

**WHEREAS** further cost-benefit analysis has indicated the viability and support for supervised injection sites in communities across Canada

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court of Canada has declared access to supervised injection sites is permitted under section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Liberal Party of Canada begin consultations for a multi-level strategy for the creation and regulation of supervised injection sites, and that this strategy be developed in consultation with the relevant federal, provincial, and municipal authorities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Liberal Party of Canada commits to working with the professional medical community and all levels of government in a collaborative effort to develop the necessary regulations and professional protocols for the sustainable establishment of supervised injection sites where there is a demand or necessity from community stakeholders.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Liberal Party of Canada respect the authority of the provinces and territories to implement health care policy in the way that they see best fit, while ensuring that federal authorities still facilitate the necessary regulatory environment.

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