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Moncton – Downtown Moncton Centre-ville, Aids Moncton and the Westmorland Albert Solid Waste Corporation held a joint press conference this morning to increase awareness of needles found in our downtown and their proper disposal methods.

To this effect, DMCI and Aids Moncton collaborated on the production of an information pamphlet regarding the proper ways to dispose of discarded needles and syringes.

DMCI interim Executive Director, Lawrence Forbes stated: «Proper disposal of discarded needles found on business and private property locations is an important public health and safety issue for all of us. Downtontown Moncton Centre-ville Inc. and Aids Moncton plan to achieve this objective by enlisting the support of business and private property owners in the downtown core. By becoming familiar with the information in this pamphlet, disposal of needles can be achieved efficiently and most importantly, safely».

Debby Warren, Executive Director for AIDS Moncton indicated the key focus of this awareness effort is to reduce the harm or spread of HIV, Hepatitis C and blood-borne pathogens amongst people who inject drugs. Mrs. Warren hopes this partnership with DMCI and the Westmorland-Albert Solid Waste Corporation will provide education within the downtown business improvement area, provide education to young children, and expand that education to the general community through partnership activities.

«With our Wet/Dry waste management program, your waste is not simply landfilled or incinerated; it is sorted by hand with several employees to collect recyclables. Because of this, we are keen to increase awareness of proper needle disposal to keep our staff as safe as possible», said Gena Alderson, Public Relations - Westmorland-Albert Solid Waste Corporation. She added: « We are happy to help with such an initiative which will keep our employees, solid waste management workers, and the public safe».

The pamphlets will be distributed in our downtown in the coming days.

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