

- Since the strategy began, LPS reported 75 charges arising from 37 occurrences. The most frequent charge was possession of a Schedule I substance under s. 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act: 33 charges, or 44% of the total.
- LPS also reported 1,851 occurrences involving a seizure, more than 3,700 items of drug paraphernalia seized, and more than 1,600 occurrences where drugs were seized, most often trace residue.
- The Board's March 19, 2026 minutes record that the Board supported the initiative and requested future updates on the strategy's progress and timelines for continued reporting.

What I am asking the Board and the Service to answer publicly

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- 10 **Reporting cadence:** What is the schedule for the next public Board update on the Open-Air Substance Use Strategy? Will future updates include a consistent dashboard so the public can see trends in repeat interactions, referrals, enforcement, seizures, recurring locations and community impact over time?

Why this matters

London does not have to choose between compassion and public order. A credible strategy should be able to show how it connects people to help, how it responds when help is repeatedly declined, how it protects surrounding neighbourhoods and businesses, and how the public can tell whether the strategy is working.

The Board's own public materials emphasize accountability, community engagement and transparent performance reporting. The Service's strategic plan likewise identifies drugs/drug-related crime, homelessness/poverty, communication and transparency among major community concerns. This request asks for that accountability to be applied to one of London's most visible and consequential public-safety strategies.

I would appreciate a written response identifying the next public reporting date and indicating which of the questions above can be answered through the next Board report, existing public records, or a joint City-police briefing.

Respectfully,

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Source record used for this request

1. [London Police Service Board, Report #2602EA03 - Open Air Substance Use Strategy, February 19, 2026.](#)
2. [London Police Service Board, March 19, 2026 minutes / agenda package - Board discussion of Report #2602EA03 and request for future updates.](#)
3. [London Police Service Board - Meet the Board and Staff.](#)
4. [London Police Service - London Police Service Board overview.](#)
5. [London Police Service - 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.](#)
6. [London Police Service - Continued public input on Open-Air Substance Use Strategy, November 13, 2025.](#)
7. [City of London - Coordinated Informed Response.](#)
8. [City of London - Community and Protective Services Committee, August 10, 2026.](#)

Suggested delivery

Primary: Chair Ryan Gauss / London Police Service Board (lpsb@lpsb.ca) and Chief Thai Truong / Office of the Chief of Police.

Optional copies for coordination/public record: London Police Service Board Chief Governance Officer; City of London Housing Stability Services; Community and Protective Services Committee clerk/committee record. Keep the request framed as information and coordination, not operational direction.