

## **Lambton's Proposed Shared Agreements**

1. As a group entering into this work together, we are here to build a healthier community.
2. Come to the conversation wholeheartedly, recognizing that this is not an event but rather the beginning of a new process to plan and action a system response.
3. Recognize and empathize with those in this room who have lost people they know, love and/or supported, and acknowledge the grief and pain associated with these losses.
4. Acknowledge the amount of impactful work that has been done and continues to be done by all in the community.
5. Agree that our feedback must focus on the issue, not any individual person or organization.
6. Acknowledge the wide-ranging impact of this issue, beginning with individual lives and extending to overall community health, recognizing that all aspects of the impact are valid and worthy of consideration.
7. Believe that everyone is right, partially, and we respect all opinions, with openness to those who may be less knowledgeable on the issues than others who do this work daily.
8. Acknowledge the hurt, mistrust and misunderstanding of the past, and learn from it. Acknowledge that those in this room come from different experiences, multiple identities, and cultural frameworks.
9. Confirm that our intention is to come together as one team, regardless of background or sector, to speak with a unified voice and clearly ask for what we need from other levels of government.

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