

Encampment Update

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Hello there,

Wanted to reach out directly and share the attached materials with you as an update on the status of CoV's approach to the encampment over the next week, or so. s.13; s.16

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If you want to talk

directly or have any questions, happy to make time.

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These materials are being shared with your teams and they have all been participating on the weekly encampment coordination call with Provincial partners and BCH, as well as the M/W/F situation calls with CoV.

Thanks,

Meghan

Previous Urgent items	Resolutions implemented
None	None

Hastings Supportive Relocation Response: All Partners Situation Updates

Week of March 27th

Date: March 28 Sit Rep Update Meeting

Priority Site Location: 400 Dunlevy Ave (WS) and 300 Dunlevy Ave (ES).

of people impacted: Undetermined

of structures removed: 7

Notes: No impoundments, people packed up voluntarily and took the storage bins. 19 storage Bins distributed along with meal tickets. Several structures removed were empty, used for storage. Several propane tanks removed. CoV notes 'everyone is back' today and re-establishing structures.

All offers of shelter space were declined. Province requested number of offers, CoV will follow up.

2100 kg of materials removed.

Date: March 29 9am

Priority Site Location: North side of unit block 0 blk, 300blk Main Street

**No updates as of yet. Crews started at 9am.*

of people impacted: TBC

of structures to be removed: TBD

Notes: TBD

Date: March 31st 9am

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Post Brief/ Discussion for March 28th

CoV, BCH, HOUS, MCF, VCH, SDPR

- Discussion on how it will be helpful for CoV to share the general mood or tone of the neighbourhood during process.
- Updated fire # from last month – 500 fires responded to.

- Hastings Sunrise and West End are seeing an increase in people because they don't feel safe in DTES – neighbourhoods struggling to respond and manage.
- Discussion how to support people once they "turn up" outside of the zone.
- Shelter is offered to everyone without housing, so far no one has accepted – will continue to collect data on why people are not returning to housing, for those with units.
- BCH connecting with EWR sites to let them know there is funding if operators are able to stay open.

Urgent items to resolve / Issues flags (incidents/media/protests)/Actions

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Provincial Executive Steering Committee
Minutes
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3:45-4:45 pm
MS Teams

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Good afternoon everyone,

As a follow-up to the slide deck we shared on Monday, I am including a copy of the minutes from the ad-hoc Provincial Executive Steering Committee on March 24th which share more details of the content of the presentation.

In addition, as promised please see attached the Encampment Situation Report which covers the March 27 and March 29th updates provided by the City of Vancouver.

Thank you,
Adam

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Subject: Slides from Encampment Check In call 27 March 2023

Good afternoon everyone,

Please see attached the slides from this morning's call.

Kind regards,

Adam

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Provincial Executive Steering Committee Presentation: East Hastings Decampment

- Update on Encampment Response Plan Implementation prepared by BC Housing

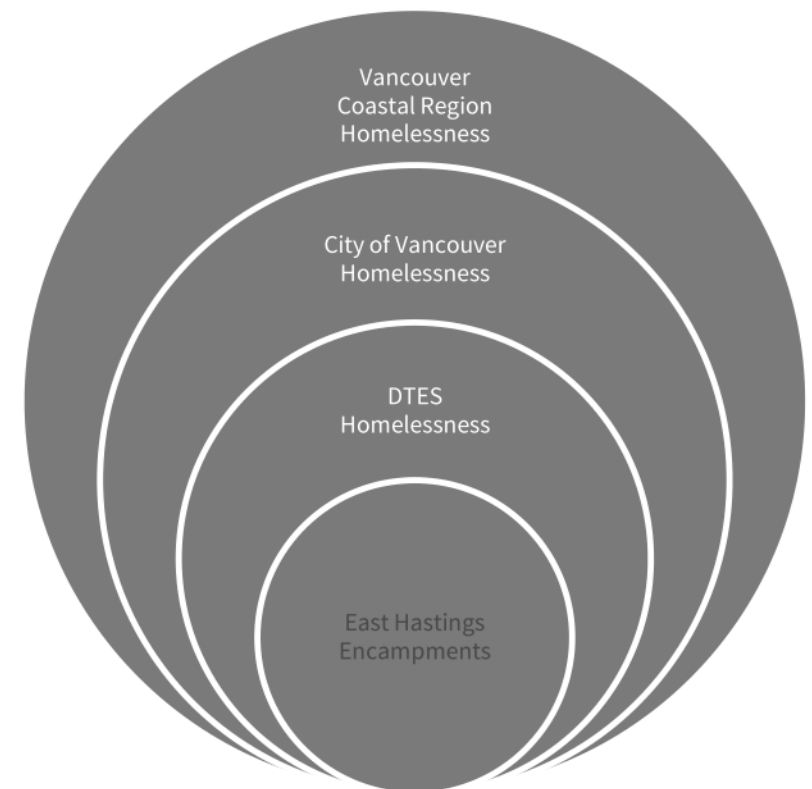
March 24, 2022

Outline

- Encampment Response Plan Update – BC Housing
- Vancouver Coastal Health’s Modular Workforce Proposal
- Update - City of Vancouver
- Discussion: Partner’s Resolution Criteria

Encampment Response & Homelessness Prevention - Vancouver

- The East Hastings and surrounding areas encampment response is the priority homelessness response effort in the City of Vancouver.
- To ensure positive and lasting resolution on E Hastings, partners need to sustain the larger DTES and City-wide homelessness response effort while resolving E Hastings.
- The City of Vancouver homelessness context:
 - 3,800+ people waiting for supportive housing
 - 1,500+ BC Housing supported shelter spaces.
 - 100+ people connected with the East Hastings encampment identified as still requiring housing



How the East Hastings encampment is different than previous

- Not a park: No firm geographic boundaries, unable to fence and restrict access while working through resolution allows new flow into encampment.
- E Hastings is a major arterial with very active public realm.
- Elevated safety risks for encampment residents and tenants in adjacent buildings (fires, access and egress, personal safety, etc.) due to the location and adjacent built form of buildings.
- Risk of delayed response time for emergency services due to obstruction and safety risks for staff.
- Significant impact on neighbourhood residents, local business owners and the public.

Completion Objectives Agreed to by Partners (December '22)

Homelessness Response

- Carnegie Outreach and Orange Hall have worked through each area of the encampment and offered an indoor option to everyone verified as needing housing.
- Everyone remaining in the encampment area currently on the by-name list has been offered at least one indoor option.

Street Operations & Public Realm

- Engineering reaches a steady state on E Hastings and surrounding streets similar to previous years. As structures come up, they are removed within a reasonable amount of time and there are no entrenched structures.
- Imminent fire risk from street encampment on buildings is addressed

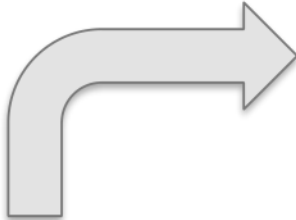
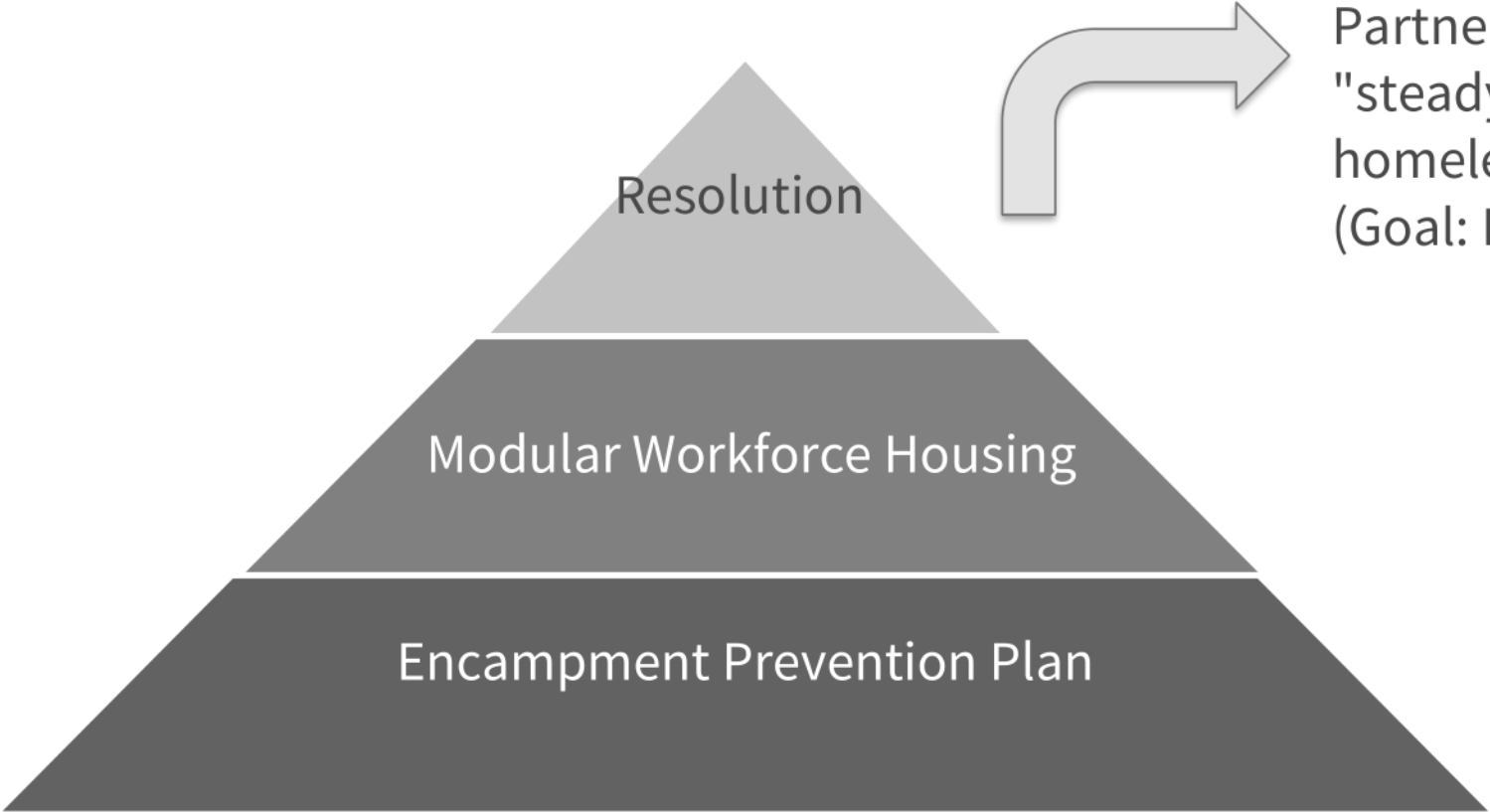
Additional Priorities

- Conflict for staff and encampment residents is minimized and mitigated.
- Risk of new encampments resulting directly from encampment response is mitigated.
- New encampments that arise are quickly responded to by partners before they grow/become entrenched.
- CAA practices and other service alignments put in place for the East Hastings response are sustained to support prevention.



Source: Encampment Response Plan

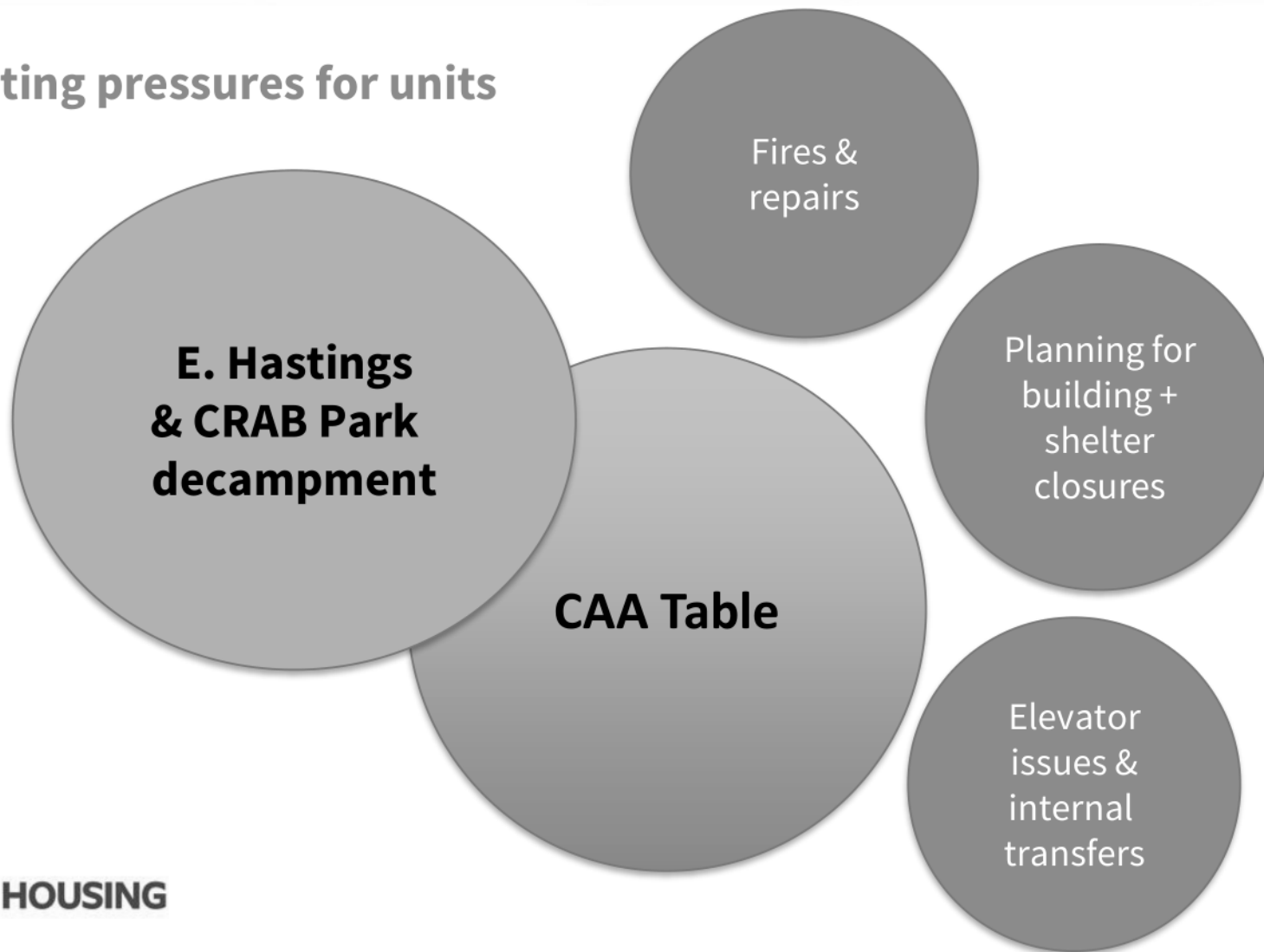
Partners Optimal Coordinated Encampment Resolution



Partners transition into "steady state" homelessness response (Goal: February 2023)



Competing pressures for units



CAA Process

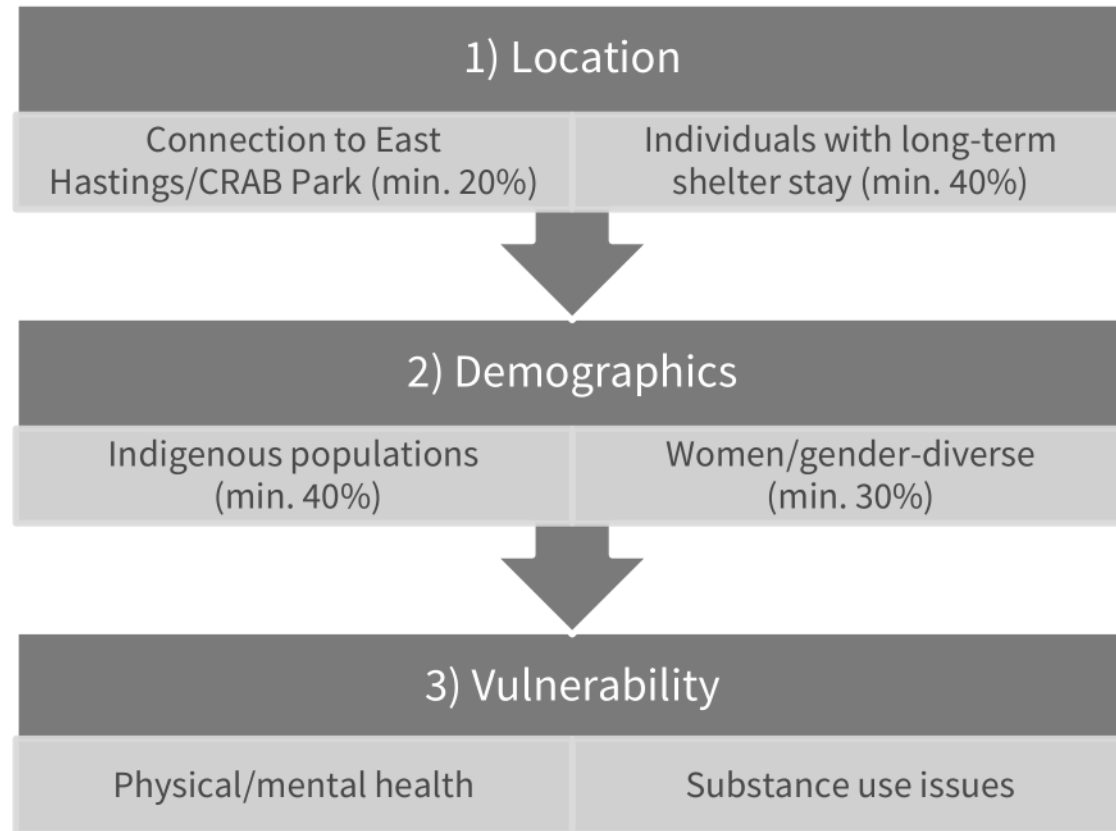
- The Community Access and Assessment (CAA) Table meets weekly to review priority referrals affiliated with East Hastings Street.
- Priority for housing allocations is based on vulnerability and informed by meeting the needs of priority populations – Indigenous, women, seniors.
- Shelter holds at four sites have been in place since January so that individuals accepting offers of shelter can retain their bed, if desired.
- CAA is engaging with partners to seek feedback and exploring CAA Best Practices and ways to improve system integration in Vancouver.

Progress on E Hastings List to date

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- Inflow from October to Now (Not on E Hastings By-name List):
 - 49 new individuals verified as needing housing

Coordination of Tenancing – Temporary Modulars

- CAA and Vancouver Coastal Health are aligning tenant selection processes to ensure a balance of acuity, demographics, and location



Vancouver Coastal Health's Modular Workforce Proposal

**Downtown Eastside Provincial
Executive Steering Committee**

March 29, 2023

Presented by Christine Massey and Bob
Chapman



VCH DTES Modulares Enhanced Health Services



BC Housing has identified two sites to locate three temporary modular housing structures to support the DTES decampment



The Ministry of Health has approved the VCH proposal for enhanced health supports needed for newly housed individuals



The health workforce will be moved from the temporary site to other enhanced support settings over time



Proposal is in alignment with both the Provincial Plan: Supporting the DTES and the Integrated Support Framework

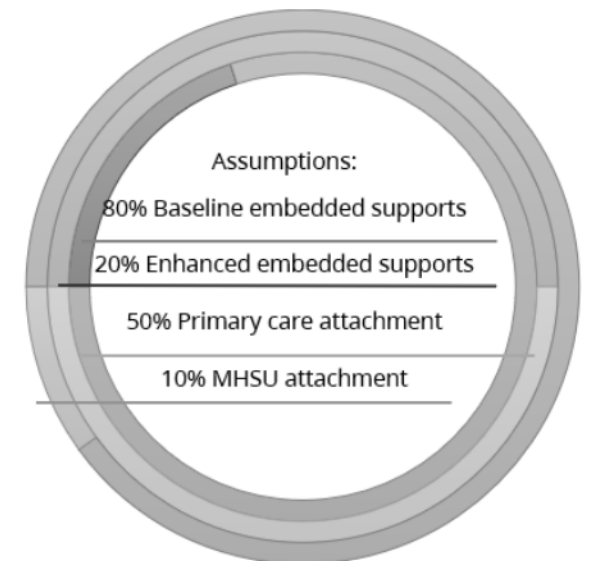
VCH Enhanced Health Supports

Embedded Supports (Contracted with operator):

- Personal Care, Care Aids
- Nursing
- Overdose prevention, harm reduction and peer engagement

VCH In-reach Supports

- Attachment to Primary Care provider
- Attachment to Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) team
- Access to server supply (including an enhanced virtual services)
- Managed Alcohol Program



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Hi both,

Thanks for the info Darryl and yes just to say I'm happy to collaborate on the joint BN.

I think its reasonable to plan for this. I agree that early next week will be important and good timing.

im eager to hear about the collaborative meeting that happened this afternoon to facilitate the planning - we iwll hear at 0730h tomorrow when we meet with VCH if not before.

Thanks
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Subject: Re: Encampment

Thanks for this. I just heard from David about this exact thing. I heard that MSM may ask for a joint briefing with our Minister early next week

DM CM, MMHA

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Hi – my folks heard through SDPR that they had a discussion today with Minister Malcolmson on the encampment. ^{s.13}

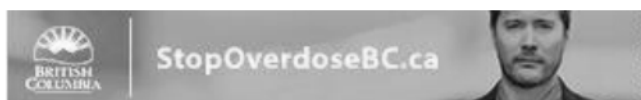
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I do have a draft IBN for our two Ministers. I don't think we have enough of the details yet nailed down for it to be ready to send through. That said, I am flagging this for awareness.

Darryl

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You are quite right, it was not right

See update.

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Hi – can you redo the yellow highlighted piece. It not quite right.

Thanks

Darryl

Ministry of Health - Information Briefing Note - Cliff 1255274

Prepared for: Hon. Minister Dix and Hon. Minister Whiteside- **For information.**

Title: Downtown Eastside Decampment

Purpose: To inform the Ministers about health supports for Downtown Eastside (DTES) encampment residents amidst the City of Vancouver's (CoV) decampment initiative

Background: On July 25, 2022, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services issued a Fire Order to remove tents and structures along East Hastings Street due to imminent structure and life safety dangers. CoV has developed a phased Hastings Structure Removal plan that commenced on August 9, 2022. This plan was paused until recently, and CoV has resumed activities. While previous decampments had been led by BC Housing, this iteration is unique as it is being led by Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

In September 2022, A Provincial Executive Steering Committee (PESC), led by the Attorney General (Ministry of Housing), was established to provide oversight of the planning and implementation of the encampment response. This committee includes executive representatives from CoV (fire, police, and the city), BC Housing, Ministry of Health (HLTH), Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR), Emergency Management BC, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA) and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH).

VCH Outreach teams regularly connect with DTES encampment residents to provide care and refer to services. Since October, outreach workers have had 2110 interactions; referred 47 to primary care and 17 to substance use services; assisted 18 to access acute care and directly provided 110 people acute care. 85 people have also been referred to Integrated Housing and Outreach Teams (IHOT). Additionally, Mental health nurses have been added to IHOT teams to provide additional support for when decampment enforcement occurs.

On March 24, 2023, the PESC was officially notified of CoV's intent to escalate resolution of the encampment on Hastings sighting increasing fire and safety risk to residents and community. The details on approach and timelines are being managed by the VPD. There was a meeting of all parties i.e., CoV, VPD, and VCH on Thursday, March 30th to further refine the operational details for ensuring the required supports are in place on the day of decampment and that individuals who need to access critical health services on Hasting have access to those service. The tentative date for decampment to occur is during the week of April 3 to 7th, 2023 (TBC), however this may be further delayed due to concerns that word is out in the encampment of these pending plans.

Discussion: There are approximately 117 people currently sheltering outside at the encampment, 70 of whom have expressed a desire for housing. Offers of indoor spaces have been made to most people sheltering outside. As of March 14th, the number of structures along East Hastings Street has been reduced from 180 to 79. This number fluctuates slightly daily due to both decampment activities which reduce the number, and new incoming encampment residents which increase the number. and decampment activities progress.

VCH has identified four key areas of focus for contingency planning for ensuring that people receive the health support required and that there is no distribution in people's access to critical health care services are as follows:

Care for people being decamped:

- IHOT, Car 87/88, mental health clinicians, ambulances, and Emergency Health Services bike squads will be on standby. VCH will provide details as they are able.
- Experience in prior decampments suggests minimal update for health supports during a decampment response. VCH will be present at an operations centre (Mustard Station by the viaduct) to facilitate primary care/mental health supports.
- CoV will have Triage Teams on the ground to address sanitation. They will be offering storage bins to encampment residents for up to 30 days.
- BC Housing will be offering same day shelter space or a housing spot for encampment residents.

Continuity of care to the over 300 housed residents in the area:

- VCH will provide an updated plan following receipt of further details.
- Mitigation plan options pending approach are triaging needs, altering time/day of visits, alternate access points, escorted access, pop up clinics. At this time, there are no projected disruptions to care as VPD will provide escorts for staff.

Continuity of care to the individuals who access critical mental health and substance use service on Hasting Street:

- There are 10 critical substance use service sites (Appendix A) on Hasting Street, including prescribed safe supply (Vancouver SAFFER), OAT clinics, overdose preventions services and supervised consumption sites. All sites will remain open, and clients will have full access to these services. Decampment will happen in phases starting at Dunlevy Avenue and moving west towards Abbott Street.
- If structures that are being dismantled are located near service entrances, VPD will provide escorts to clients and staff to access the service site.
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Staff Safety Considerations:

- Increased staffing ratios will be added where required and feasible. Police escorts will also be facilitated as needed.

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Appendix A

Services	Operator	Location	Hours	Alternative access possible
Needle Depot (Harm reduction supplies, alley OD response)	PHS	177 E Hastings	24/7	Access alley from Cordova rather than Hastings
Molson OPS	PHS	166 E Hastings	7 am – 10:30 pm	Access alley from Pender rather than Hastings
Overdose Prevention Society	OPS	141 E Hastings	8 am – 9 pm	Access from alley via inhalation site
Insite Supervised Consumption Site (includes Prescribed Safe supply)	VCH/PHS	139 E Hastings	9 am – 3 am	No
Onsite Withdrawal Management (2 nd floor detox and 3 rd floor transitional housing)	VCH/PHS	139 E Hastings	24/7	No
Overdose Prevention	OPS	390 Columbia (outdoors)	9 am – 6pm	No

Society (outdoor OD response)				
Columbia St Clinic (Primary care, safe supply)	PHS	350 Columbia St	9 am – 4:30 pm	No
Crosstown Clinic (iOAT clinic)	PHC	77 E Hastings	7 am – 11 pm	No
SAFER (Prescribed Safe Supply clinic)	PHS	73 E Hastings	7:30 am – 5 pm	No
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Sent: April 5, 2023 6:26:32 AM PDT
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Thanks for this. Teri also called me yesterday evening to confirm the schedule and Minister Kahlon was to call Minister Whiteside.

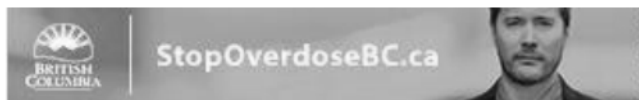
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Hi Christine. The decampment process for the Hasting Street encampment is proceeding tomorrow to begin removal of structures. This may occur over two days. VCH has provided the following update as of this afternoon.

- City confirmed through email that there will no longer be space for VCH at a 'muster station'
- Conversation with VPD – confirmed need for VCH ID to escort staff through any barriers – biggest issue is for Portland staff of essential store front services, PH is working with them
- Provided VPD with list of addresses for essential home support clients on Hastings (in addition to list they already had of store front programs)
- Provided VPD and City with list of key VCH contacts – Caitlin and Elizabeth for anything high level, Ops Managers for client related needs.
- Created and distributed key messages and direction for managers and staff in the case that they are blocked from a service or home
- Secured space for manager leads
- Daily 4 pm meetings with manager group for the next two days to debrief/plan for next day

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Ministry of Health - Information Briefing Note - CLIFF 1255274

Prepared for: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and
Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health &
Addictions – **For Information**

Title: Downtown Eastside Decampment

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Attachments: 1255274 - IBN - Downtown Eastside Decampment - Final Draft 2023-03-31.docx
Hi Darryl,

Would this IBN suffice for the MO? Would you prefer we update?
We had to just close it off last week as there are play by play updates daily.

From: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX
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Subject: DTES Decampment Update

Here you go. This is also with you in e-apps.

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Sent: April 11, 2023 10:00:42 AM PDT
Attachments: Health Services Impact during DTES Decampment Operations VCH Brief Summary - April 11 2023.docx

Guessing you'll use this to support content of IN. Thanks Darryl.

From: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>; Dube, Jonathan HLTH:EX <Jonathan.Dube@gov.bc.ca>
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Yet another update.

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Good Morning

Here is a summary the teams pulled together – we have not seen a significant ask for assistance since the disencampment; please let me know what else you need today

Thank you

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Please contact Rachel Kronlund, Executive Assistant, Rachel.kronlund@vch.ca or at 604-708-5235 for scheduling meetings or urgent matters.

I acknowledge that my place of work lies on the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. The content of this e-mail is confidential and may be privileged. If you receive this e-mail in error, please contact the sender and delete it immediately.

Tuesday April 11, 2023

Health Services Impact Post Decampment Operations – VCH Brief Summary

- Overall, we did not see a significant disruption to health care services offered through the 11 store front programs or to home based services. The two exceptions were to outreach supports to people living in the encampment on Hastings and overdose prevention programs on the first day of the police operation.
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 - Standby Health services were available during formal operations and subsequently throughout the long weekend. Overall there were two calls for urgent services between April 5th and April 10th inclusive.
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- Outreach teams providing **essential** services during formal decampment operations included Car87, IHOT, Regional Overdose Outreach Team (OOT), Priority Populations Outreach Team, STOP HIV/AIDS Outreach, and Primary Care outreach services.
- Car87 continued to offer regular outreach service to the DTES together with standby health services as needed during the long weekend. As noted, only 2 calls for service came from the impacted blocks, and 7 calls overall from the DTES to Car87 over the long weekend.
- Approximately 40 people that were being regularly outreached on Hastings, could not be located on April 6th. Teams will be back out to look for these clients on the week of April 11th.
- Essential Home Health/Home Support appointments for people living in buildings on impacted blocks of Hastings were briefly delayed during 1st day of decampment but otherwise occurred without issue through the weekend.
- The Molson OPS Clinic space at Main and Hastings, which provides episodic primary care at a clinic on Hastings twice a week, continued with their regular clinic on April 6th. Volumes were similar to previous weeks.
- Bookings to bed based detox services doubled on April 5th and returned to near normal levels Thurs April 6th.
- Validated overdose data is not yet available for the period of April 5th to 10th, 2023 but can be provided as soon as available.
- OPS site leads deployed street and alley patrols over the long weekend to enhance overdose prevention services.

Ministry of Health - Information Briefing Note - 1256130

Prepared for: Hon. Minister Dix – **For information**

Title: Downtown Eastside Decampment Update for Weekend of April 7th

Purpose: To provide the Minister with updates on the City of Vancouver's (CoV) and Vancouver Policy Department (VPD) structure removal and decampment operation of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) decampment, pertaining to the weekend of April 7th, 2023

Background: On July 25, 2022, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services issued a Fire Order to remove tents and structures along East Hastings Street due to fire safety concerns. De-encampment effort commenced on April 5 and were completed on April 6, 2023. The Ministries of Health and Mental Health and Addiction worked with Vancouver Coastal Health on the development and implementation of protocol to ensure critical health services were delivered during the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) led decampment activities.

Since decampment planning commenced in September 2022, VCH Outreach teams have regularly connected with DTES encampment residents to provide care and refer to services and have been providing frequency counts on several metrics since October¹. Outreach workers have had 2,427 interactions; referred 50 to primary care and 18 to substance use services; assisted 18 to get acute care and directly provided 128 people acute care. 89 people have also been referred to Integrated Housing and Outreach Teams (IHOT). These numbers include one outreach day that occurred mid-decampment initiative, on April 6th, which resulted in connections to 85 interactions and 5 instances of wound care. Due to the nature of the decampment operation, VCH was not able to track clients who were displaced.

Discussion: Generally, VCH did not see a significant disruption to health care services offered through the 11 store front programs or to home-based services:

- The two exceptions were to outreach supports to people living in the encampment on Hastings and overdose prevention programs on the first day of the police operation.
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Commented [DJH1]: The Minister is also interested in any staff impacts/incidents given importance of safety and that should be part of this update. VCH yesterday flagged that no reported staff incidents at this time.

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As details are shared and the operation evolves, VCH and the BC Government will be able to adapt their supportive approaches to those affected by the decampment. Current supports and interventions include:

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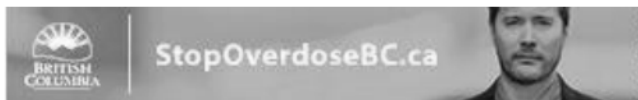
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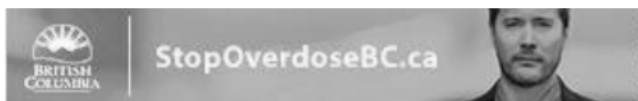
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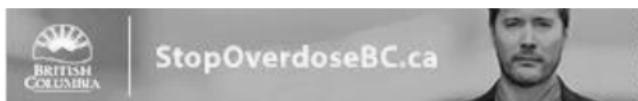
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Ministry of Health - Information Briefing Note - 1256130

Prepared for: Hon. Minister Dix – **For information**

Title: Downtown Eastside Decampment Update for Weekend of April 7th

Purpose: To provide the Minister with updates on the City of Vancouver's (CoV) and Vancouver Police Department (VPD) structure removal and decampment operation of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) decampment, pertaining to the weekend of April 7th, 2023

Background: On July 25, 2022, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services issued a Fire Order to remove tents and structures along East Hastings Street due to fire safety concerns. De-encampment effort commenced on April 5 and were completed on April 6, 2023. The Ministries of Health and Mental Health and Addiction worked with Vancouver Coastal Health on the development and implementation of protocol to ensure critical health services were delivered during the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) led decampment activities.

Since decampment planning commenced in September 2022, VCH Outreach teams have regularly connected with DTES encampment residents to provide care and refer to services and have been providing frequency counts on several metrics since October¹. Outreach workers have had 2,427 interactions; referred 50 to primary care and 18 to substance use services; assisted 18 to get acute care and directly provided 128 people acute care. 89 people have also been referred to Integrated Housing and Outreach Teams (IHOT). These numbers include one outreach day that occurred mid-decampment initiative, on April 6th, which resulted in connections to 85 interactions and 5 instances of wound care. Due to the nature of the decampment operation, VCH was not able to track clients who were displaced.

Discussion: Generally, VCH did not see a significant disruption to health care services offered through the 11 store front programs or to home-based services:

- The two exceptions were to outreach supports to people living in the encampment on Hastings and overdose prevention programs on the first day of the police operation.
- Essential Home Health/Home Support appointments for people living in buildings on impacted blocks of Hastings were briefly delayed during 1st day of decampment but otherwise occurred without issue through the weekend.
- The Molson OPS Clinic space at Main and Hastings, which provides episodic primary care at a clinic on Hastings twice a week, continued with their regular clinic on April 6th. Volumes were like previous weeks.

¹ VCH Outreach Updates. Email communications to MHSU Branch, Mental Health and Substance Use Services (October 2022-present)

- Bookings to bed-based detox services doubled on April 5th and returned to near normal levels Thurs April 6th.

As details are shared and the operation evolves, VCH and the BC Government will be able to adapt their supportive approaches to those affected by the decampment. Current supports and interventions include:

- Outreach teams providing essential services during formal decampment operations included Car 87, IHOT, Regional Overdose Outreach Team (OOT), Priority Populations Outreach Team, STOP HIV/AIDS Outreach, and Primary Care outreach services.
 - Approximately 40 people that were being regularly outreached on Hastings, could not be located on April 6th. VCH teams will be back out to look for these clients on the week of April 11th.
- VCH Car87 and the Intensive Housing Outreach Team (IHOT) were on standby near to decampment operations to provide urgent health supports as referred by VPD/CoV during their operation. Car87 continued to offer regular outreach service to the DTES together with standby health services as needed during the long weekend.
- Standby Health services were available during formal operations and subsequently throughout the long weekend. There were two calls for urgent services (and seven calls overall) to Car 87 between April 5th and April 10th inclusive.
- OPS site leads deployed street and alley patrols over the long weekend to enhance overdose prevention services.

Staff Considerations:

- Staff safety and wellness remain a priority. As of April 11, 2023, VCH reported no staff incidents.

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Program contact (for content): Roxanne Blemings
Drafter: Nathan Bartlett
Date: April 11, 2023

Phone number:

RE: Hastings Encampment.

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 11, 2023 1:51:04 PM PDT
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Hi Darryl – are you able to confirm where the reference is on the staff safety? I may be missing this or perhaps it is in the past bullets provided by Fernando?

Thanks! Heather

From: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Dube, Jonathan HLTH:EX <Jonathan.Dube@gov.bc.ca>; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>; Cruse, Cassandra MMHA:EX <Cassandra.Cruse@gov.bc.ca>; O'Donnell, Maureen HLTH:EX <Maureen.ODonnell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hastings Encampment.

We've provide information on staff safety. The intention is not to do a formal IN every day, but will provide a summary consistent with what we got from VCH today.

Darryl

From: Dube, Jonathan HLTH:EX <Jonathan.Dube@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>; Cruse, Cassandra MMHA:EX <Cassandra.Cruse@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Hastings Encampment.

See comment – will the daily update be in an IBN format or something else? Thanks.

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Subject: Hastings Encampment.

Hi – attached is a IBN for Minister Dix. VCH will provide my team with a daily update for this weeks and until things settle in the DTES. We will provide the same material to both Ministers Dix and Whiteside going forward.

Thanks

Darryl

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FW: Meeting Series Ending: E Hastings Encampment Response - All Partners Mtg

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To: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 12, 2023 5:21:06 PM PDT
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FYI: Suggest we also share this email with DMs.

From: Allison Dunnet <adunnet@bchousing.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:18 PM

To: Bailey Waukey <bwaukey@ahma-bc.org>; Talbott, Catherine MCF:EX <Catherine.Talbott@gov.bc.ca>; Martiniuk, Daryn SDPR:EX <Daryn.Martiniuk@gov.bc.ca>; Heidi Hartman <hhartman@bchousing.org>; Rod Hill <rhill@bchousing.org>; Melles, Bruk <Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca>; Lepps, Betty <Betty.Lepps@vancouver.ca>; Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>; Miller, Jennifer E HOUS:EX <Jennifer.E.Miller@gov.bc.ca>; Will, Meghan HOUS:EX <Meghan.Will@gov.bc.ca>; Petrescu, Sarah HOUS:EX <Sarah.Petrescu@gov.bc.ca>; Wallace, Wayne <wayne.wallace@fnha.ca>; Delaram Farshad <Delaram.Farshad@fnha.ca>; Darius Pruss <Darius.Pruss@fnha.ca>; Jangi, Shirin MCF:EX <Shirin.Jangi@gov.bc.ca>; Alexandra Allary <Alexandra.Allary@fnha.ca>; XT:Partridge, Stephane EHS:IN <Stephane.Partridge@vch.ca>; Weigle, Verena [VCH] <Verena.Weigle@vch.ca>; Holliday, Elizabeth [VC] (Elizabeth.Holliday@vch.ca) <Elizabeth.Holliday@vch.ca>; shannon.mccarthy@vch.ca; Etherington, Caitlin [VCH] <Caitlin.Etherington@vch.ca>; Dee Stewart <dstewart@bchousing.org>; Sue Baker <Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca>; Sandra Eatmon <sandra.eatmon@ahma-bc.org>; Will Valenciano <wvalenci@bchousing.org>; Mauboules, Celine <celine.mauboules@vancouver.ca>; Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX <Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Miller, Jennifer E HOUS:EX <Jennifer.E.Miller@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Meeting Series Ending: E Hastings Encampment Response - All Partners Mtg

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To Partners,

On behalf of the Ministry of Housing and BC Housing, I would like to thank all the partners who participated and contributed to planning for the resolution of the E Hastings Encampment over the last 8 months. While the day-to-day operational work continues, the original need for this group focussed on enhancing and coordinating provincial support for this specific encampment resolution has run its course. The Ministry of Housing will be convening partners around the work outlined in the Supporting the DTES Plan, and more details on how and where partners can contribute will be shared in the coming weeks. Any partners with questions on this should reach out directly to Jennifer Miller, Ministry of Housing (see CC).

This has been a long, challenging process, especially for those who support staff working directly in the encampment. Your time, commitment, and willingness to engage is deeply appreciated. As with previous encampment resolutions, partners will seek opportunities to reflect on how this emergency response unfolded and bring compassionate curiosity to what might be improved in future work together. The Ministry and BC Housing are exploring ways to efficiently collect and share partner feedback and will reach out in the coming weeks on ways partners can participate.

Thank you,
Allison

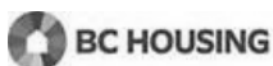
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My work occurs on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territories of the x̱w̱məθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwataʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples to whom I offer my respect and commitment to working in good relations.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Allison Dunnet

Sent: December 15, 2022 4:39 PM

To: Bailey Waukey; Talbott, Catherine MCF:EX; Martiniuk, Daryn SDPR:EX; Allison Dunnet; Heidi Hartman; Rod Hill; Melles, Bruk; Lepps, Betty; Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX; Miller, Jennifer E SDPR:EX; Will, Meghan OHCS:EX; Petrescu, Sarah OHCS:EX; Wallace, Wayne; Delaram Farshad; Darius Pruss; Jangi, Shirin MCF:EX; Alexandra Allary; Partridge, Stephane [VCH]; Weigle, Verena [VCH]; Holliday, Elizabeth [VC] (Elizabeth.Holliday@vch.ca); shannon.mccarthy@vch.ca; Etherington, Caitlin [VCH]; Dee Stewart; Sue Baker; Sandra Eatmon; Will Valenciano; Mauboules, Celine

Cc: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX

Subject: E Hastings Encampment Response - All Partners Mtg

When: April 13, 2023 2:30 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended today's last all partners planning meeting of the year and for your contributions over the fall.

Updates: We will re-start these meetings on an every two week cadence starting in January. It is expected that as Provincial strategic direction on the DTES cross-government work is clarified, there maybe changes in the structure of this table or re-alignment to better support forward planning. More information and clarity to come in the coming weeks.

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NEW Supplemental DTES Decampment Overview

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Cc: van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>, Thambirajah, Natasha HLTH:EX <Natasha.Thambirajah@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2023 2:25:05 PM PDT
Attachments: 2023-04-14 East Hastings Decampment Overview.docx

Hi Darryl,

Attached is a net new supplemental FS on the DTES decampment. Let me know if you have any edits.

Cassandra: The Belonging in BC Summary referenced is still with FCS generic...suggest we prompt them to move it along...I'd be less worried if it was with Peter or Rob but it seems it has not moved at all...

Best, R

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION – ESTIMATES NOTE Supplemental

East Hastings Decampment Overview

Topic: Overview of the Province’s response to the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police Department led decampment of East Hastings

Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **Everyone in the Downtown Eastside deserves a safe, stable and supportive place to call home.**
- **Over the past several months, the Province has led work with Indigenous, community and government partners to develop and implement a new coordinated response plan to support people in the Downtown Eastside and build on the community’s strength and resilience.**
- **It’s focused on helping people get off the streets and into homes to resolve encampments, and on strengthening health, social and cultural supports to make the Downtown Eastside a healthier, safer place for everyone.**
- **One of the key measures of the response plan is strengthening access and co-ordination for health, mental-health and substance use services for people in the Downtown Eastside, including through:**
 - **establishing a new multidisciplinary team that will work to identify the needs of people facing homelessness so they can quickly access health and social services and support transitions to indoor spaces as a pathway to appropriate housing options;**
 - **expanded addiction treatment options, such as the new Road to Recovery model of addictions care at St. Paul’s Hospital; the first 45 beds are expected to open by fall 2023; and**
 - **expanded mental-health crisis response teams.**
- **Released on April 3, 2023, Belonging in BC, brings together the wide range of initiatives the Province is developing and implementing to prevent people from becoming homeless, and for those experiencing homelessness to find a stable housing quickly.**
 - **Planning and implementation for Phase One and Two of the Belonging in BC Homelessness Plan are underway with a focus on immediate response and serving people with distinct or intersecting needs.**

CURRENT SITUATION

- On July 25, 2022, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services issued a Fire Order to remove tents and structures along East Hastings Street due to fire safety concerns.
- Decampment was initiated by the City of Vancouver in August 2022. This action was paused and a provincial East Hastings Encampment Response working group and executive leadership structure was implemented.
- Decampment efforts led by City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police Department commenced on April 5, 2023. The Ministries of Health and Mental Health and Addiction worked with Vancouver

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Coastal Health on the development and implementation of a protocol to ensure critical health services were delivered during the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) led decampment activities.

- Since decampment planning commenced in September 2022, VCH Outreach teams have regularly connected with DTES encampment residents to provide care and refer to services and have been providing frequency counts on several metrics.
 - As of April 6, 2023, VCH outreach workers have had 2,427 interactions; referred 50 to primary care and 18 to substance use services; assisted 18 to get acute care and directly provided 128 people acute care. 89 people have also been referred to Integrated Housing and Outreach Teams (IHOT). These numbers include one outreach day that occurred mid-decampment initiative, on April 6th, which resulted in connections to 85 interactions and 5 instances of wound care. Due to the nature of the decampment operation, VCH was not able to track clients who were displaced.
- Since onset of the CoV led decampment, VCH has not experienced a significant disruption to health care services offered through the 11 store front programs or to home-based services:
 - The two exceptions were to outreach supports to people living in the encampment on Hastings and overdose prevention programs on the first day of the police operation. This matter was resolved within five to ten minutes.
 - Essential Home Health/Home Support appointments for people living in buildings on impacted blocks of Hastings were briefly delayed during the first day of decampment but were otherwise delivered without issue through the weekend.
- The Molson OPS Clinic space at Main and Hastings, which provides episodic primary care at a clinic on Hastings twice a week, continued with their regular clinic on April 6th. Volumes were like previous weeks.
- Bookings to bed-based detox services doubled on April 5th and returned to near normal levels April 6th.
- As a mitigation strategy, OPS site leads deployed street and alley patrols over the long weekend to enhance overdose prevention services.
- Approximately 40 people who were being provided regular outreach services on Hastings could not be located on April 6th. As of April 12, 2023 VCH had located 6 these clients. Assertive outreach efforts are ongoing.
- As of April 14, 2023, VCH reported no staff incidents related to the decampment.
- VCH continues to provide end of day updates daily. Cadence and necessity of daily summaries will be evaluated weekly.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- See Provincial Homelessness: Mental Health and Substance Use Supports Estimates Note and Belonging in BC Summary Estimates Note

KEY BACKGROUND

- On March 26, 2023, the Province released the Supporting the Downtown Eastside: Provincial Partnership Plan Working Document.¹
- The Province is implementing *Belonging in BC, a plan to prevent and reduce homelessness*, announced April 3, 2023.

LAST UPDATED

The content of this fact sheet is current as of April 14, 2023, as confirmed by Roxanne Blemings, Acting Senior Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Division, Ministry of Health.

• ¹ https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Strategy_DTES_provincial_response_plan.pdf

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APPROVALS

2023 04 14 – Darryl Sturtevant, ADM Ministry of Health & Mental Health and Addictions Division

RE: Hastings De-encampment

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Cc: Cruse, Cassandra MMHA:EX <Cassandra.Cruse@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2023 8:44:35 AM PDT
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Hi Darryl,

Very interesting. I'll reach out ASAP.

VCH has been noting struggles to reconnect with approximately 40 folks who were displaced on April 5th. As of Friday, they reported reengaging with 9. As for access to OPS, they have been reporting no awareness of impact.

On the open letter by staff, this was not brought to my attention on Friday and last contact was around 4ish.

I was aware of a debrief with one of the outreach teams on Thursday whereby staff expressed some distress with the approach, really wishing it would have been more person centered and that they had information on where people went once displaced.

All for now, R

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Cc: Cruse, Cassandra MMHA:EX <Cassandra.Cruse@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hastings De-encampment

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Thanks

Darryl

Report looks at toll of eviction on people who use drugs

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Sent: April 17, 2023 9:20:40 AM PDT
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Hi Darryl,

Shall I connect with VP comms on our behalf or is this best coming direct from you as suggested by Miranda?

All for now, R

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From: Compton, Miranda [VCH] <Miranda.Compton@vch.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>; Etherington, Caitlin [VCH] <Caitlin.Etherington@vch.ca>
Subject: RE: VCH Staff Open Letter Hastings De-encampment

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Our comms has prepared messaging. Darryl can contact our VP comms: Charlene.chiang@vch.ca. We did not know of the staff action until it was in the Georgia straight Friday evening.

From: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:49 AM
To: Etherington, Caitlin [VCH] <Caitlin.Etherington@vch.ca>; Compton, Miranda [VCH] <Miranda.Compton@vch.ca>
Subject: VCH Staff Open Letter Hastings De-encampment

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Hi both,

Hope you had a lovely weekend. We are needing a couple bullets related to open letter noted below. How VCH intends to respond/support etc. Ministers will also want to understand timing and why they were not provided a heads up on Friday.

Happy Monday, R

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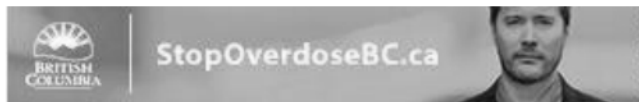
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To: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 18, 2023 8:28:37 AM PDT
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Hi Darryl,

I'm actually wondering if we should share our full back packet supplemental? Thoughts?

From: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi – I am good with this.

From: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:23 AM
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Subject: RE: VCH Staff Open Letter Hastings De-encampment

Suggest I share these with Housing. They are briefing Premier today or tomorrow...You ok with this?

From: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: VCH Staff Open Letter Hastings De-encampment

From: Indyk, Ari [VCH] <ari.indyk@vch.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:29 AM
To: Sturtevant, Darryl MMHA:EX <Darryl.Sturtevant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: XT:Chiang, Charlene GCPE:IN <Charlene.chiang@vch.ca>
Subject: FW: VCH Staff Open Letter Hastings De-encampment

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Hi Darryl,

Just left you a VM.

Following up regarding the below.

Sharing here external messaging and please let us know if you need any further background / information.

- Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is aware of the open letter from some staff, and we take the concerns outlined in the letter seriously.
- VCH has extensive wellness supports available to all staff. Our People Team also provides resources and is available to teams requiring immediate on-site supports.
- VCH is committed to providing care to those who need it, especially our most vulnerable populations during the recent City of Vancouver-led decampment.
- VCH shared appropriate communications on April 3 to prepare staff for health services continuity planning prior to the decampment.

- VCH took steps to ensure programs in this community continued to run throughout the decampment operations. Overall, we did not see a significant disruption to health care services offered through storefront programs or to home-based services.
- VCH continues to provide health care and harm reduction services to individuals in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside.
- VCH values our long-term partnership with the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police Department (VPD) – joint VCH/VPD programs, such as Car 87, provide critical mental health outreach services and enable us to collaboratively provide urgent health supports to clients.

Thanks,
Ari

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I acknowledge that my place of work lies on the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
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Hi both,

Hope you had a lovely weekend. We are needing a couple bullets related to open letter noted below. How VCH intends to respond/support etc. Ministers will also want to understand timing and why they were not provided a heads up on Friday.

Happy Monday, R

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Hi Roxanne. Can you connect with VCH. The yellow highlighted section below seem inconsistent with Friday's update.

Thanks

Darryl

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