

Hastings Update

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Good morning,

At the encampment call this morning, which is also attended by Samuel and Cassin, we learned:

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- There are discussions about coordinating with the release of the Provincial Response... However, that timeline is TBD, but was originally thought to be closer to the end of April to align with the modulars. Note there is a housing summit scheduled for April 4&5th.
 - HOUS will coordinate a DM and Minister Joint Briefing once they have a Draft from GCPE-PO.

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Good morning,

I understand that an ADHOC Provincial Steering Committee meeting is being planned for next Wednesday. BC Housing walked us through their draft slides in terms of response should COV proceed with an enforcement approach in the next few weeks. If I get a copy of the deck before it is sent to the PSC, I'll send it your way.

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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Ministry of Housing
Provincial Executive Steering Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
3:00-4:00 pm
MS Teams

Attendance

BC Government:

Premier's Office (PO)

Not in attendance

Ministry Responsible of Housing (HOUS)

Terri Collins, Deputy Minister

Meghan Will, a/ADM, Homelessness, Partnerships & Housing Supports

Sarah Petrescu, Director

Clay Suddaby, Communications Director,

GCPE

Attorney General (AG)

Julie Williams, a/Assistant Deputy Attorney General

Emergency Management & Climate Readiness (EMCR)

David Boone, Assistant Deputy Fire Commissioner

Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)

Allison Bond, Deputy Minister

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA)/ Ministry of Health (HLTH)

Daryl Sturtevant, Assistant Deputy Minister

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG)

Not in attendance

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR)

Raymond Fieltsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Delivery Division

City Of Vancouver (CoV)

Paul Mochrie, City Manager

Sandra Singh, General Manager Arts, Culture and Community Services

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager
Mellisa Morphy

City of Victoria
Not in attendance

Park Board
Donnie Rosa, GM

Vancouver Police Department (VPD)
Don Chapman, Superintendent

Vancouver Fire Rescue Services (VFRS)
Not in attendance

BC Housing (BCH)
Heidi Hartman, Associate VP Operations
Allison Dunnett, ED Homelessness
Henry Glazebrook, Communications

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH)
Bob Chapman, VP
Vivian Eliopoulos, President and CEO
Shannon Mc Carthy

First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)
Not in attendance

Meeting Summary

Welcome, Introductions and Action Item Log – DM Collins

DM Collins welcomed new members, confirmed minutes, and highlighted in weekly Information Note some increase in structures along Hastings but overall is still low. Also noted site preparation was underway for modulars and the need now to be clear on the tenanting process and flow.

Presentation: Meghan Will a/ADM (HOUS)

Meghan Will provided a presentation on the final version of the Provincial Response Plan: Supporting the Downtown Eastside. The plan has a broader scope and purpose beyond Hastings Encampment response: Bringing partners together in immediate actions and long-term planning to restore community health, wellness and safety in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside

The PESC has provided oversight to the plan in a collaborative structure that includes Premier's Roundtables, and Multilateral Government Working Group and Ministry, BC Housing, City of Vancouver and Community Partners – and ensures ongoing engagement.

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The final version of the plan incorporates partner feedback, including:

- Focus on distinct needs populations and community-based work, like the Red Woman Rising Report, SRO Strategy
- More inclusion of health, substance use and mental health supports; intervention/de-escalation
- Focus on poverty reduction, income and skills supports
- Family reunification and youth supports

Additional areas of feedback to address through implementation include:

- Data-sharing and coordination; change management
- Funding for community partners
- Washrooms, inhalation sites, day spaces

An overview of the plan goals and actions was provided. Next Steps for the Plan include a public communications approach and timing, as well as governance and revised scope of the PESC through implementation.

3. Discussion

Members discussed *How could PESC be leveraged to support the implementation of the Provincial Plan?* Members shared general support for PESC moving forward, members not wanting to continue were requested to email Teri or Meghan.

4. Partner Roundtable:

BC Housing

Heidi Hartman shared a recent fire affected 26 units at St Helen's site and 6 people were displaced. Regarding housing placements, 22 allocations in progress and 8 referrals. BCH trying to coordinate with non-profits and residents for interviews. BCH is working on occupancy plan for new units coming online with non-profit partners.

Allison Dunnet shared BCH in holding pattern waiting for DTES Plan to come through to potentially repurpose People Supports Group.

City of Vancouver

Paul Mochrie echoed dramatic deterioration of unsafe situation on Hastings and pressure to address, noting the situation is not tenable to continue into spring. Clear direction provided to CoV to act; serious problem and unsafe for everyone.

Sandra Singh shared day to day sanitation, engineering working at priority sites continues. Outreach are trying to offer shelter and supports, increasingly connecting with people who do not want to talk to the team or are becoming hostile. Very difficult to work. Fire Services are continuing to respond on daily basis as fire risk remains.

Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

Not in attendance

Vancouver Police Department

Don Chapman noted in preceding week there were four major files in encampment, s.15; s.16
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Vancouver Coastal Health

Bob Chapman shared staff continue to see a fair number of people twice a week. Safety issues have not been noted at PESC but this will be confirmed with VCH staff.

Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

Re: CRAB Park, Donnie Rosa noted the clean up plan was held due to weather. Teams meet onsite every Thursday. Adding portable washroom soon. Manageable encampment so far.

Social Development and Poverty Development

Raymond Fieltsch highlighted budget announcement of shelter rate increase up \$125/month – effective date is August 1, 2023.

Ministry of Health/MMHA

Darryl Sturtevant noted lots of opportunity for treatment and supports through Budget funding. More to come.

Ministry of Children and Family

Allison Bond noted continued supports for youth. Concern about violence.

City of Victoria

Not in attendance

Emergency Management BC/OFC

David Boone, continue to work in fire safety working group to distribute fire safety equipment across Province.

First Nation Health Authority

Not in attendance

PSSG

Not in attendance

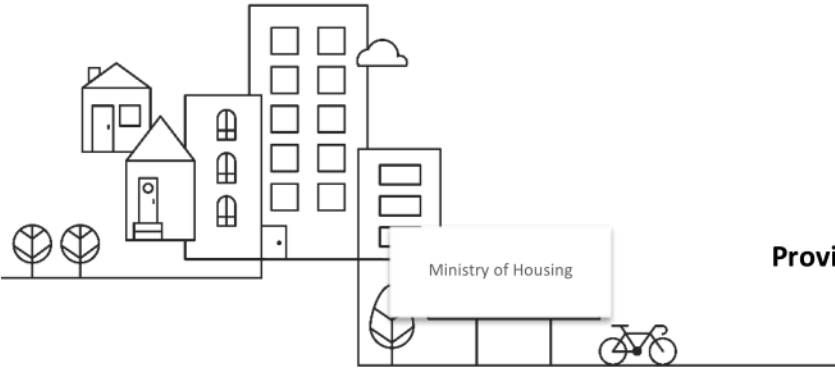
5. Communications

GCPE Clay Suddaby working hard to find date for release of the Provincial Homelessness Framework and Provincial DTES Plan, in advance of release of the Housing Strategy Refresh.

BC Housing – working on messaging around tenanting mods.

ACTIONS: DM Collins will share embargoed plan, timeline and implementation when confirmed.

C O N F I D E N T I A L



Agenda

Provincial Executive Steering Committee East Hastings and Encampment Response

March 24, 2023, 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

#	ITEM	LEAD	MATERIAL
1.	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of minutes – March 1 	Deputy Minister, Teri Collins	Verbal
2.	Provincial Plan: Supporting the DTES: Update	Deputy Minister, Teri Collins	Verbal
3.	DTES Operational Response & Overview	BCH Housing and CoV, Ministry of Health, Christine Massey, and Vancouver Coastal Health, Bob Chapman	PPT
4.	Partner Roundtable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Housing City of Vancouver Vancouver Fire Rescue Services Vancouver Police Department Vancouver Coastal Health Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Community Integration Services – SDPR Emergency Management BC Office of the Fire Commissioner Ministry of Health Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions Ministry of Children and Family Development Public Safety and Solicitor General First Nations Health Authority City of Victoria 	All	Verbal
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications Update 	BC Housing, GCPE	Verbal
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing comments 	All	Verbal

