



CORPORATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 25, 2020
SCRD Boardroom, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

AMENDED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

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Regarding: Overdose prevention services on the Sunshine Coast

(Voting – All Directors)

NEW BUSINESS

IN CAMERA

That the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) of the *Community Charter* – “negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.”

ADJOURNMENT

Office of the Medical Health Officer

Vancouver Coastal Health
821 Gibsons Way
Gibsons, BC V0N, 1V8

June 23, 2020

Dear Local Government Representatives,

Re: Overdose prevention services on the Sunshine Coast

Please accept this letter outlining some considerations for overdose prevention services on the Sunshine Coast.

BC faces an ongoing public health emergency related to opioid overdoses. In fact, despite the decrease in overdose deaths we saw in 2019, there has been an increase provincially in 2020 as per the recent Coroner's report¹. Now more than ever, we are encouraging people to not use alone and to access harm reduction and addiction services.

Overdose prevention services are key interventions to reduce the risk of overdoses and deaths. In addition to providing a space for people to consume pre-obtained drugs under the supervision of people trained to intervene in case of an overdose, overdose prevention services may also include provision of harm reduction supplies (e.g. sterile needles, filters, cookers, condoms, etc.), harm reduction education, and connection to services related to opioid use and/or other health or related social issues.

Following the declaration of the public health emergency by the Provincial Health Officer on April 14th 2016 under Section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act* S.B.C. 2008, Chapter 28, and in keeping with Ministerial Order M488 under section 5.2 of the *Emergency Health Services Act*, sites providing overdose prevention services, including supervised consumption of illicit substances, have been permitted to operate for the duration of the Public Health Emergency if designated as overdose prevention sites by the local Medical Health Officer, assuming they meet health authority requirements.

Vancouver Coastal Health has developed policies and procedures² for the operation of Overdose Prevention Sites based on considerable experience with evidence-based programs in the Lower Mainland, such as Insite. These have allowed sites to operate successfully and sustainably, reducing risk for clients and facilitating integration of the service into the community.

The following criteria are considered when sanctioning operation of an Overdose Prevention Site:

- Administration by an experienced non-governmental organization.
- Following policies and protocols detailed in the VCH Overdose Prevention Site Manual.
- Employing staff and peers with training in overdose prevention and response.
- Operating the service in a manner that minimizes impacts to the broader community.
- Having harm reduction supplies and Naloxone kits and training available.
- Collecting data on all visits, overdoses and deaths and ensuring it is shared with the health authority in a timely manner.

The Sunshine Coast Community Action Team (CAT) has been a vital platform for collaboration between service providers, local government, NGOs, and peers in the development of innovative and localized responses to this crisis. As part of this work, implementation of Overdose Prevention Services continues to be explored in the context of the unique needs of people who use drugs on the

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/birth-adoption-death-marriage-and-divorce/deaths/coroners-service/statistical/illicit-drug.pdf>

² <http://www.vch.ca/Documents/Overdose-Prevention-Site-OPS-Manual.pdf>

Sunshine Coast. I encourage the CAT to continue work to develop a localized approach to providing overdose prevention services on the Sunshine Coast.

While we work towards publicly available overdose prevention services on the Sunshine Coast, it is important to highlight other services that are also available to reduce the risk of overdose, such as provision of harm reduction supplies and naloxone training. The Raincity Shelter operating in Sechelt offers a housing overdose prevention service to keep its residents safe. In addition to this, BC Emergency Health Services recently launched the Lifeguard App³, an innovative virtual overdose prevention option for people at risk of using substances alone. The app directly links the user to local emergency responders through their mobile device if an overdose does occur. This may be particularly useful in rural and remote areas of the Sunshine Coast where people are more likely to use alone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'GMK', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Geoff McKee, MD, MPH, FRCPC
Medical Health Officer
Vancouver Coastal Health

³ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/new-lifeguard-app-launched-to-help-prevent-overdoses>