

# Other Information

## The DTES Community

The Historic Area is part of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) neighbourhood, which is home to approximately 18,000 people. The DTES has various types of land uses, including residential, commercial, office, institutional and industrial. Many non-profit and government agencies are located in the neighbourhood offering social services and support to residents and others in need. The area has a rich and diverse community history, and many residents are very active in arts, culture, and community building activities.



## City of Vancouver Directions in the DTES

The City's overall philosophy in the DTES is "Revitalization without Displacement". City Council has supported this philosophy by adopting various reports, plans, policies and programs for the area. The following ten key directions summarize this work:

- 1.** Ensure the future DTES provides the same number of low-income singles housing units as 2003 (about 10,000 units) with special efforts to house the homeless; and develop more social housing outside of the DTES.
- 2.** Encourage new market housing, including housing that is affordable for moderate-income households.
- 3.** Address the crisis in public order and public health caused by problematic substance use through the "Four-Pillar Approach": prevention, treatment, harm reduction and enforcement.
- 4.** Improve conditions on the street to provide safety, livability and amenity for all.
- 5.** Work with the community and other levels of government to ensure the health, social service, and economic supports needed by the low income community are available.
- 6.** Preserve and enhance the heritage and cultural legacy of the neighbourhood.
- 7.** Support business and employment development in the area and its neighbourhoods.
- 8.** Ensure that the retail goods and services needed by all sectors of the community, including low-income residents, are available.
- 9.** Provide access to civic facilities and services (e.g. parks, community centres, library, childcare) needed by all the community residents.
- 10.** Work with all sectors of the community in revitalization, encouraging acceptance and mutual respect, and building community capacity.

