

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-490

March 7, 2017

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of December 16, 2016 for:

**Correspondence and records of and from meetings since April 1, 2016 between the Office of the Mayor and senior elected and appointed federal officials (specifically the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health/Health Canada and Ministry of Justice and Attorney General) and senior elected and appointed provincial officials (specifically the Office of the Premier, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Attorney General, and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) regarding concerns about drugs, fentanyl, heroin, opioids, addiction, overdoses, drug-related deaths, and funding and services for harm-reduction, recovery, rehabilitation and treatment around City of Vancouver. Date range for records: April 1, 2016 to December 16, 2016.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2016-490); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', written in a cursive style.

Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA  
Director, Access to Information  
*City Clerk's Department, City of Vancouver*

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From: [Minister\\_Ministre <Minister\\_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca>](mailto:Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca)

To: ["Robertson, Gregor" <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca)

Date: 11/10/2016 8:37:50 AM

Subject: Correspondence from the Federal Minister of Health

Attachments: 16-111026-583 Robertson email.pdf

Opioid-CardstockSaveTheDate-DAY1-BIL-01 copy.pdf

Please find attached correspondence from the Minister of Health Canada. Original to follow by mail.

(See attached file: 16-111026-583 Robertson email.pdf)

(See attached file: *Opioid-CardstockSaveTheDate-DAY1-BIL-01 copy.pdf*)

*Thank you*  
Health Canada

Minister of Health



Ministre de la Santé

NOV 09 2016

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0K9

His Worship Gregor Robertson  
Mayor of the City of Vancouver  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall  
453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, British Columbia V5Y 1V4

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing to you regarding an Opioid Conference and Summit that I am co-hosting with the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Eric Hoskins, on November 18 and 19, 2016. The purpose of this conference is to discuss the current Canadian crisis of opioid overdose and death and identify potential solutions. The second day will consist of a health-focused summit with a small group of regulators and key stakeholders who will have committed to take concrete, measurable, and publicly reported actions to help address the crisis.

Many Canadian cities are at the forefront of this crisis. As I am sure you would agree, comprehensive actions to address this crisis will involve a number of stakeholders including health professionals, addiction experts, provinces, territories, municipalities, and other stakeholders. This is a complex issue, and there is no single step that is going to solve this problem, but I am committed to taking action and to working with partners across Canada to address the opioid crisis.

The conference will be in an invitation-only event, held on Friday, November 18, and will include a broad range of speakers and participants. We will, nevertheless, be inviting mayors of cities, such as yours, from whom we anticipate possibly receiving an application for a supervised consumption site. Therefore, I would like to invite you to join me at this conference. Details are included in the attached agenda.

Please have your office confirm your interest in attending to Dr. Kirsten Mattison, Acting Director of the Office of Drug Policy at Health Canada. Dr. Mattison can be reached at [kirsten.mattison@canada.ca](mailto:kirsten.mattison@canada.ca).

I truly appreciate your support as we work together to address this pressing issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Philpott".

The Honourable Jane Philpott, P.C., M.P.

Attachment

Canada

# *Opioid* CONFERENCE CONFÉRENCE SUR LES *opioïdes*

**SAVE** <sup>THE</sup> **DATE**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2016**  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

*Hosted by*

the Honourable **Jane Philpott**, Federal Minister of Health and the Honourable **Eric Hoskins**, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

**NOTEZ** <sup>LA</sup> **DATE**

**LE 18 NOVEMBRE 2016**  
8 h 30 à 17h

*Organisée par*

l'honorable **Jane Philpott**, ministre fédérale de la Santé et l'honorable **Eric Hoskins**, ministre provincial de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée

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By Invitation Only (Non-Transferable) • Sur invitation personnelle seulement. (Elle ne peut être transférée ou déléguée.)

For information contact / Pour plus d'information, svp communiquer avec  
City of Vancouver - FOI 2016-490 **opioidconferenceopioides@canada.ca**

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"[Robb, Katie](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)" <[Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)>

Date: 11/8/2016 5:02:01 PM

Subject: FW: Revised run of show November 10

Attachments: RUN OF SHOW-First Responders November10.docx

fyi

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**From:** Postma, Tobin

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 08, 2016 5:02 PM

**To:** 'ashleigh.white@canada.ca'; 'david.clements@canada.ca'; Hannah.Lawrie@gov.bc.ca;  
Carlene.ThistleWalker@gov.bc.ca; 'Anne Deslauriers'; Glenn Scott; Zaharia, Sarah; McGregor, Marnie; Joyce, Helen;  
Kendall-Craden, Rena; Gormick, Jonathan

**Subject:** Revised run of show November 10

Revised version attached.

Let me know if there are any further changes, otherwise I'll see some of you on Thursday.

Happy election watching!

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## **RUN OF SHOW: Visit with First Responders at Fire Hall #2**

**DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**TIME: 11am - 12pm**

**LOCATION: 199 Main St, Vancouver, BC V6A 2S5**

Activities: Private meeting with First Responders to discuss health-related issues/challenges of working in the DTES.

Parking: There is street parking available on Main Street and Powell Street (Fire Hall #2 is on the corner of Main and Powell).

Event Location: Inside Fire Hall #2 (199 Main Street) following by a photo-op and short media availability in front of the Fire Hall.

Key on-site contacts: Tobin Postma, 604.218.5952  
Jonathan Gormick, s.15(1)(l)  
Ann Deslauriers, 604.360.3868

### Participants:

Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, Government of Canada

Terry Lake, Minister of Health, Province of British Columbia

Sadhu Johnston, City Manager, City of Vancouver

Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council (TBC)

Vancouver Police Department:

Superintendent Michelle Davey

Inspector Ian Upton

PC Greg Parkes

PC Gord Chiu

Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services

City of Vancouver Housing Outreach Staff:

Wanky Chery

BC Emergency Health Services:

- Blake Kendon - District Manager for Metro West

- Brian Twaites - Advanced Care Paramedic Station 261

- Peyman Namshirin - Dispatch Supervisor

### Podium Speakers:

(MC) Sadhu Johnston, City Manager, City of Vancouver

Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, Government of Canada

Terry Lake, Minister of Health, Province of British Columbia

## EVENT RUN OF SHOW

Event Timing	Event Activity
8:30 - 10:30AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Staff set up (meeting room and AV)</li> </ul>
10:30-10:55 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants arrive</li> <li>• Media arrive and are set up on the ground floor of the Fire Hall for the photo op and media avail</li> </ul>
10:55-11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vancouver City Manager greets the Ministers</li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:25AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media photo opportunity with participants in front of Fire Hall/First responder vehicles (inside or outside, depending on weather)</li> <li>• City Manager, Sadhu Johnston, as MC gives short summary of the meeting that took place and then introduces the Ministers</li> <li>• Ministers provide short comments (2-3 minutes each)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session with media, moderated by MC</li> </ul>
11:25-11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Lake leaves and Minister Philpott and First Responders go to second floor for private, informal meeting</li> </ul>
11:30-11:50 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private, informal meeting with Ministers and First Responders (15-20 participants)</li> <li>• Light refreshments will be available (tea, coffee and pastries)</li> </ul>
11:50AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Philpott leaves</li> </ul>



From: ["Mike Magee" <magee@convergecom.ca>](mailto:magee@convergecom.ca)

To: ["Katherine Telford" <katie.telford@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>](mailto:katie.telford@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

["Gerald Butts" <Gerald.Butts@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>](mailto:Gerald.Butts@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

Date: 12/16/2016 4:33:10 PM

Subject: Fwd: News Release - New stats show one death a day from overdose crisis in November

Katie and Gerry,

I know you already know the importance of this, but I am flagging it as a serious emergency that is going to get worse over the coming weeks. Last night in Vancouver we had 9 overdose deaths alone due to fentanyl. We are overwhelmed. Our first responders and front line staff are at a serious and unprecedented breaking point. Other cities including Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary and Montreal are all undergoing a major increase in overdose problems and are showing the same signs Vancouver is. Minister Philpots office have been great at engaging and it's appreciated, especially the recent actions. But we need more help, and could specifically use your assistance in engaging with the Province of BC to get them to take this seriously.

The Mayor is reaching out to Minister Philpot again. I think it would be helpful if the PM were to be able to have a talk with the Mayor as well, I believe this is only going to get worse and we to demonstrate the will to lean into this together. They should be in dialogue on this.

I'm copying Kevin Quinlan, the Mayors Chief of Staff, who has been leading the overall city efforts on this and by way of introduction as well.

I appreciate all your efforts in advance and hope you're well.

Mike

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Zaharia, Sarah" <[Sarah.Zaharia@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sarah.Zaharia@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** News Release - New stats show one death a day from overdose crisis in November

**Date:** December 16, 2016 at 1:32:05 PM PST

**To:** "Zaharia, Sarah" <[Sarah.Zaharia@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sarah.Zaharia@vancouver.ca)>

*News Release*

*December 16, 2016*

## **New stats show one death a day from overdose crisis in November**

*Upstream investments in treatment, therapy needed to break the cycle*

**December 16, 2016 (Vancouver, BC)** Mayor Robertson was joined today by Police Chief Palmer and Fire Chief McKearney outlining the urgent treatment resources needed to address the fentanyl crisis in Vancouver, with 9 overdose deaths last night and 31 suspected in November.

"We are facing a huge crisis with overdose deaths, but solving it is possible. We desperately need more treatment for addicts to truly break the cycle of addiction," says Mayor Gregor Robertson. "The intensity and frequency of the emergency calls is putting a severe strain on our first responders, and is not sustainable. Better access to treatment and detox on demand is a crucial proactive approach to save lives and reduce the intense burden on front-line

workers.”

The Mayor and Chiefs said an estimated 1300 people in Vancouver are using illicit opioids daily and are not getting treatment. These users need immediate accessible opioid replacement therapy such as Suboxone, Methadone, or prescription injectable heroin or hydromorphone, and currently only the Crosstown Clinic offers a prescription heroin treatment program. Another 100 residential treatment beds are also urgently needed to eliminate wait times and offer detox on demand.

Fentanyl use has been reported in all corners of Vancouver with a concentration of use in the Downtown Eastside, putting considerable strain on first responders in the area. Of the 31 overdose deaths reported in November, there were 12 deaths (suspected OD’s) in the area bound by Clark, Abbott, Powell, and Pender Street.

#### Recorded Overdose Deaths in Vancouver

2007	59
2008	38
2009	60
2010	42
2011	68
2012	67
2013	80
2014	100
2015	134
2016	159

“The fentanyl crisis has increased the urgency for better detox and treatment resources for those who are addicted to drugs. If we can help people fight their addiction, we can reduce the number of people dying from fentanyl and other drug overdoses,” said Chief Palmer, VPD. “People approach first responders and other service providers on a regular basis seeking treatment for their addictions. However, that treatment is not always there and when it is, gaps in the system make it difficult to access. When people come forward for help to get off drugs we should be providing it – we need treatment on demand.”

In November, fire fighters working in the Downtown Eastside responded to 1255 incidents, establishing a new peak for emergency calls during this overdose crisis with 743 overdoses and 35 administrations of Naloxone.

“The women and men of Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services continue to do extraordinary medical response work coping with the immense challenges brought about by the opiate crisis, not the least of which has been a massive increase in call volume, specifically with the city’s most marginalized population,” says Chief John McKearney. “We will continue to maintain an exceptional level of patient care to our citizens and as this crisis progresses we will work with elected officials and other responder agency representatives to find new and innovative opportunities that better address the well-being of our communities and that of our staff.”

The Mayor said the City of Vancouver will keep doing its part, including passing the 2017 budget earlier this week, which included an additional 0.5% tax increase dedicated to investing extra resources for first responders. The City will keep working with the Provincial and Federal governments to support efforts to save lives during this public health emergency.

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To: "[Smart, Stephen PREM:EX](mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca)" <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>  
"[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>

Date: 11/8/2016 6:25:33 PM

Subject: RE: Intros

Attachments: Agenda for MTL MMM MJP Nov 9 meeting Final 130pm.docx

Thanks Smarty.

Kevin - I wanted to ensure you had a copy of tomorrow's agenda in advance of the meeting. Please call me anytime if you have any questions.

Katy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 6:23 PM

To: Kevin Quinlan; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX

Subject: Intros

Hi Kevin and Katy,

I wanted to just e- introduce you two ahead of tomorrow's meeting with the health minister.

Cheers!

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**Meeting with Minister Jane Philpott, Minister Terry Lake, Minister Mike Morris,  
Mayor Gregor Robertson & staff**

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

BC Centre for Disease Control 655 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver BC

**Draft agenda:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead &amp; purpose</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>1. Welcome and introductions</b>	Minister Lake & Minister Morris	3 minutes
<b>2. Appreciation for federal funding to BC HIV/HCV community groups being reinstated to support transition</b>	Minister Lake - for information	2 minutes
<b>3. BC support for a establishing a national surveillance hub for drug related harms</b>	Minister Lake – for information & discussion	5 minutes
<b>4. BC’s desire for the removal of barriers to the expansion of supervised consumption services</b>	Minister Lake—for information & discussion	10 minutes
<b>5. a)Expand the availability of evidence-based treatments for opioid use disorder  b)BC Centre on Substance Use</b>	Minister Lake & Dr. Evan Wood—for information & discussion	10 minutes
<b>6. Enhance RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency resources to interdict fentanyl importation</b>	Minister Morris—for information and discussion	5 minutes
<b>7. Pursue diplomatic efforts to stem the export of fentanyl from China to Canada</b>	Minister Morris—for information & discussion	10 minutes
<b>8. Improvements to federal legislation to help address fentanyl crisis (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Precursor Control Regulations)</b>	Minister Morris—for information & discussion	10 minutes
<b>9. Next steps</b>	All	5 minutes

From: "[Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX](mailto:Perry.Kendall@gov.bc.ca)" <Perry.Kendall@gov.bc.ca>

To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>

Date: 8/29/2016 8:59:26 AM

Subject: Re: letter to Federal Minister of Health

Happy to add a signature if there is time.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Quinlan, Kevin

Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 7:51 AM

To: Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX

Subject: letter to Federal Minister of Health

Hello Dr Kendall, I hope the summer finds you well. In response to Minister Philpott's comments last week regarding supervised injection sites and maintaining the previous government's policy, the Mayor is sending the letter below urging her to reconsider. Would you be willing to add your name to it? We are approaching other public health leaders in BC too.

Please let me know. We'd like to send it tomorrow.

Thanks,

Kevin

Kevin Quinlan

Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

City of Vancouver

Office: 604.873.7232

Cell: 778.995.2264

Dear Minister Philpott,

In the last election campaign, the Liberal party campaigned on a commitment to make public policy based on science and to treat addiction as a health issue, not a criminal issue. We were proud to see these positions taken during the campaign and welcomed a new approach to public policy in Ottawa with the election of your government.

We are writing in response to your recent comments stating that the federal government has no intention of repealing the previous Conservative government's Respect for Communities Act. This is very concerning and we urge you to reconsider.

The Respect for Communities Act is a flawed, mean-spirited and ineffective piece of legislation that only serves to marginalize our most vulnerable residents and criminalize people suffering from addiction. It was a deliberate attempt by the Conservative government to create barriers that block people from accessing life-saving harm reduction services and medical care.

The Act places onerous requirements on health care providers seeking approval from the federal government to open or continue to operate a supervised injection site. The amount of paperwork and criteria required to meet federal approval downloads thousands of dollars in costs on to health providers. In Vancouver, we can testify to Insite and the Dr Peter Centre's success and ability to save lives and support recovery. To keep the administrative hurdles in place for establishing and maintaining these vital health services is the wrong approach.

The Act is in no way based on health science and should be repealed by your government as soon as possible. At a time when overdose deaths are surging in British Columbia and the Provincial Health Officer has declared a public health emergency regarding fentanyl, we urge you to reconsider your position and begin steps to repeal the Respect for Communities Act, so that people who need access to medical treatment can get it as soon as possible.

Thank you,

From: "[Lafrance, Martyn HLTH:EX](mailto:Lafrance.Martyn.HLTH:EX)" <[Martyn.Lafrance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Martyn.Lafrance@gov.bc.ca)>

To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Quinlan.Kevin)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)>

Date: 8/30/2016 12:44:34 PM

Subject: RE: Letter to Minister Philpott

Thanks, Kevin. I'll inquire with Minister Lake and get back to you.

**Martyn Lafrance**

Chief of Staff to the Hon. Terry Lake

Minister of Health

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [mailto:[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 1:04 PM

**To:** Lafrance, Martyn HLTH:EX

**Subject:** Letter to Minister Philpott

Thanks Martyn for the call. Here's the text of the letter.

Signatories include Dr Kendall, Dr Patty Daly from VCH, Maxine Davis from Dr Peter Centre, and some UBC profs specializing in addictions treatment

Cheers

Kevin

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Date: 8/30/2016 2:50:57 PM

Subject: RE: Letter to Minister Philpott

Thanks. If we can get the letter in the next 10-15 minutes that would be helpful.

**Martyn Lafrance**

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 3:45 PM

**To:** Lafrance, Martyn HLTH:EX

**Cc:** Pavone, Connie

**Subject:** RE: Letter to Minister Philpott

Thanks Martyn, I'll have Connie in our office send the letter over for the signature

cheers

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**From:** Lafrance, Martyn HLTH:EX [<mailto:Lafrance.Martyn.HLTH:EX>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 3:43 PM

**To:** Quinlan, Kevin

**Subject:** RE: Letter to Minister Philpott

Kevin, Minister Lake would like to be included in the letter. Can you send us a copy so we can apply his signature?

**Martyn Lafrance**

Chief of Staff to the Hon. Terry Lake

Minister of Health

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 1:45 PM

**To:** 'Quinlan, Kevin'

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From: "[Lafrance, Martyn HLTH:EX](mailto:Lafrance.Martyn.HLTH:EX)" <[Martyn.Lafrance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lafrance.Martyn.HLTH:EX)>

To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Quinlan.Kevin)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Quinlan.Kevin)>

Date: 8/31/2016 1:12:00 PM

Subject: RE: Letter to Minister Philpott

Kevin, can you let me know when the letter gets posted? Thanks.

**Martyn Lafrance**

Chief of Staff to the Hon. Terry Lake

Minister of Health

T: [250-953-3547](tel:250-953-3547)

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:48 PM

**To:** Kendall, Perry HLTH:EX; Daly, Patty (VCH); [mdavis@drpeter.org](mailto:mdavis@drpeter.org); Jang, Kerry; XT:Wood, Evan HLTH:IN; Katrina Pacey; Lafrance, Martyn HLTH:EX; [mkrausz@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:mkrausz@mail.ubc.ca)

**Subject:** Letter to Minister Philpott

Hello,

Attached is the letter that was sent from our office to Minister Philpott yesterday. Thank you very much for adding your name to the letter – we will be posting it publicly on our website later this afternoon.

Thanks again,

Kevin

Kevin Quinlan

Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

City of Vancouver

Office: 604.873.7232

Cell: 778.995.2264

From: "[Kerr, Brittney](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)" <[Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)>

To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)>

Date: 12/8/2016 11:52:55 AM

Subject: RE: News release today on further action on overdose prevention

I'm good. I'll bug you early next week.

Brittney Kerr

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[brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]

**Sent:** December 8, 2016 2:52 PM

**To:** Kerr, Brittney

**Subject:** RE: News release today on further action on overdose prevention

Do you need our call today? nothing on my end – you're in the loop on the Philpott stuff

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**From:** Kerr, Brittney [<mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 11:27 AM

**To:** Quinlan, Kevin; [ashleigh.white@canada.ca](mailto:ashleigh.white@canada.ca)

**Subject:** RE: News release today on further action on overdose prevention

Thanks for this.

Brittney Kerr

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[brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]

**Sent:** December 8, 2016 1:43 PM

**To:** Kerr, Brittney; [ashleigh.white@canada.ca](mailto:ashleigh.white@canada.ca)

**Subject:** FW: News release today on further action on overdose prevention

FYI

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**From:** Postma, Tobin

**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 10:42 AM

**To:** Kendall-Craden, Rena; Zak, MaryClare; Llewellyn-Thomas, Kathleen; Mochrie, Paul; Johnston, Sadhu; Quinlan, Kevin; Krishna, Kaye

**Subject:** FW: News release today on further action on overdose prevention

fyi

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**From:** Akins, Tiffany [CORP] [<mailto:Tiffany.Akins@vch.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 10:39 AM

**To:** MONTAGUE, Brian; Postma, Tobin

**Subject:** FW: News release today on further action on overdose prevention

Here is the BC Government OD news release.

We are not holding our avail at 1:30 pm, just FYI for you.

From: "[Kerr, Brittney](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)" <[Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)>  
To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)>  
Date: 8/31/2016 8:20:23 AM  
Subject: RE: Respect for Communities Act

Grazie.

Brittney Kerr

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[brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** August 31, 2016 12:19 PM  
**To:** Kerr, Brittney  
**Subject:** RE: Respect for Communities Act

Hi BK, FYI we will be posting the letter on our website later this afternoon with a tweet about the Mayor/Minister Lake sending it. other than that not doing any media around it. Any issues let me know.

KQ

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**From:** Kerr, Brittney [<mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 6:41 PM  
**To:** Quinlan, Kevin  
**Subject:** Re: Respect for Communities Act

Thanks, Kev. I've circulated your note internally.

Brittney Kerr

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| [brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 09:38 PM  
**To:** Kerr, Brittney  
**Subject:** FW: Respect for Communities Act

FYI. BC Minister of Health Terry Lake signed as well



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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 5:24 PM  
**To:** [jane.philpott@canada.ca](mailto:jane.philpott@canada.ca)  
**Subject:** Respect for Communities Act

Please find attached letter for your consideration,

From: "[O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX](mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca)" <[Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca)>  
To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)>  
Date: 12/7/2016 2:32:08 PM  
Subject: Re: touch base

Talk then.

Kellie O'Brien  
Chief of Staff to the Hon. Terry Lake  
Minister of Health  
T: 250-953-3547<tel:250-387-2283>  
E: [Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca)<<mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca>>

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2016, at 2:22 PM, Quinlan, Kevin  
<[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)<<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>>> wrote:

Will do, thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX [<mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 2:20 PM  
To: Quinlan, Kevin  
Subject: Re: touch base

I can connect today at 3pm.

Want to call me direct? My cell s.15(1)(l)

Kellie

Kellie O'Brien  
Chief of Staff to the Hon. Terry Lake  
Minister of Health  
T: 250-953-3547<tel:250-387-2283>  
E: [Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca)<<mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca>><<mailto:Kellie.O'Brien@gov.bc.ca>>

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On Dec 7, 2016, at 1:54 PM, Quinlan, Kevin  
<[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)<<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>><<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>>> wrote:

Hey sorry about the delay - my days are slammed with this OD crisis as I assume yours are. I have time available between 3-3:30 or tomorrow between 8-10am if you're around

cheers

-----Original Message-----

From: O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX [mailto:Kellie.OBrien@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 2:37 PM  
To: Quinlan, Kevin  
Subject: RE: touch base

Hi Kevin,

Sorry I was out of the office for a few days. I could do something this afternoon or else we can connect sometime tomorrow.

Let me know.

Kellie

Kellie O'Brien  
Chief of Staff to the Honourable Terry Lake Minister of Health  
T: 250-953-3547  
E: Kellie.Obrien@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Kellie.Obrien@gov.bc.ca><mailto:Kellie.Obrien@gov.bc.ca>

-----Original Message-----

From: Quinlan, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca]  
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2016 12:58 PM  
To: O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX  
Subject: RE: touch base

Sorry about the delay - any chance you have time over the weekend for a quick call?

-----Original Message-----

From: O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX [mailto:Kellie.OBrien@gov.bc.ca]  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 8:16 PM  
To: Quinlan, Kevin  
Subject: Re: touch base

Hey Kevin,

Happy to connect. What works for you?

Kellie

Kellie O'Brien  
Chief of Staff to the Hon. Terry Lake  
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T: 250-953-3547<tel:250-387-2283>  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2016, at 6:12 PM, Quinlan, Kevin  
<Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca><mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca><mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>> wrote:

Hi Kellie,

It was good to meet you recently at the meeting with Minister Lake, the Mayor, and Minister Philpott. Do you have time for a call in the next day or so to touch base on the OD crisis?

Thanks

Kevin  
Kevin Quinlan  
Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor  
City of Vancouver  
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Cell: 778.995.2264

From: "[Kerr, Brittney](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)" <[Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)>  
To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)>  
Date: 11/1/2016 9:52:42 AM  
Subject: RE: update

Thanks, KQ.

This is helpful. Let me know if you need support on the Health side, or teeing up calls with Ministers.

Yes, PM is coming out to BC next week. Should we find time to connect before Thursday?

**Brittney Kerr**

British Columbia Regional Desk | Bureau régional de la Colombie-Britannique  
Office of the Prime Minister | Cabinet du Premier ministre

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[brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:brittney.kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [mailto:[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)]

**Sent:** October-30-16 5:57 PM

**To:** Kerr, Brittney

**Subject:** update

Hi BK, just an update on a few fronts

Supervised injection sites: tomorrow Vancouver coastal health will be submitting 2 applications for additional supervised injection sites in the downtown Eastside. We will be putting out a statement of support and urging expedited approval

Minister Philpott's visit: I've been having discussions with Ashleigh White in the minister's office coordinating a media event when the minister is in Vancouver November 9 or 10<sup>th</sup>. We have offered to help organize a visit to fire Hall #2, which is the main fire Hall in the downtown Eastside that responds to the majority of fentanyl overdoses:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/fire-hall-no-2-and-bcs-fentanyl-crisis-in-the-downtown-eastside/article32535637/>

GR calls to Cabinet Members: fyi we are setting up a few calls for the Mayor with cabinet ministers she is not yet met with Re: Kinder Morgan.

Morneau: he reached out to us on Friday asking to talk to Gregor before the economic update on Tuesday. They have a call scheduled tomorrow

JT: heard he's coming out to Van Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Anything we need to be aware of?

Talk more Thursday

KQ

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Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

City of Vancouver

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From: "[White, Ashleigh \ \(HC/SC\)](mailto:White.Ashleigh\@HC\SC)" <[ashleigh.white@canada.ca](mailto:ashleigh.white@canada.ca)>  
To: "[Quinlan, Kevin](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)" <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)>  
Date: 12/6/2016 1:09:35 PM  
Subject: Re: Vancouver Supervised injection sites

Yes, fine for him to be part of the call.

Kathryn Nowers, our Policy Advisor will be on the call with us, too.

Speak soon

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 3:35 PM  
**To:** White, Ashleigh (HC/SC)  
**Subject:** Re: Vancouver Supervised injection sites

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Great thanks

Can I have our director of social policy join, who deals with vch and other groups, or do you want just me

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2016, at 12:32 PM, White, Ashleigh (HC/SC) <[ashleigh.white@canada.ca](mailto:ashleigh.white@canada.ca)> wrote:

4:45 EST it is.

Talk to you soon,

613-291-2687

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** 2016-12-06 3:24 PM  
**To:** White, Ashleigh (HC/SC)  
**Subject:** Re: Vancouver Supervised injection sites

Thanks Ashleigh for your quick response. Could we do 145pm pacific/445pm eastern?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2016, at 12:21 PM, White, Ashleigh (HC/SC) <[ashleigh.white@canada.ca](mailto:ashleigh.white@canada.ca)> wrote:

Thanks Kevin,

Are you able to have a quick call with our office this afternoon?

Anytime in the next couple of hours works for us.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

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**From:** Quinlan, Kevin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 11:33 AM  
**To:** [Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Brittney.Kerr@pmo-cpm.gc.ca); White, Ashleigh (HC/SC)  
**Subject:** Vancouver Supervised injection sites

Hi Brittney and Ashleigh,

I wanted to bring an issue to your immediate attention. Our health agency (VCH) has informed us that they've heard back from Health Canada regarding the two supervised injection site applications. Health Canada is asking for another round of information on top of what was submitted in late October under the existing C-2 regulations . this includes

- info on who will be staffing the sites (they haven't hired because we don't know when the applications will be approved)
- more info on community consultation (already did several open houses plus provided all of the local letters of support in original submission)
- requesting to do site visits for each site

I've been told that we can expect this to add an additional 2-3 months delay; the sites were originally aiming to be open by the end of the year but now could be Feb-March. This is hugely problematic as we have people dying on a daily basis and our first responders are overwhelmed dealing with the overdose crisis. New stats will be coming out today showing a big spike in ODs in Vancouver in the past 2 weeks.

The Minister has repeatedly said that even with C-2 still in place, she would make sure there were exemptions and any applications would be expedited to respond to the public health crisis. We're not seeing that.

The Mayor will be reaching out to Minister Philpott directly but I wanted to bring this to your urgent attention.

Thanks  
KQ  
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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

October 6, 2016

Health Canada  
Address Locator 0900C2  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9  
Email: [info@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:info@hc-sc.gc.ca)

To Health Canada:

As the Mayor of Vancouver, I am writing to express my complete support for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's application to Health Canada for an exemption under S56 of the federal Drug and Substances Act for the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Mental Health and Substance Use Drop-In Centre at 528 Powell Street and the Heatley Integrated Health Centre at 330 Heatley Street.

Supervised injection sites are an essential part of the public health continuum, providing access to life-saving harm reduction services, primary care, and connections to medical detox for drug users. In Vancouver, Insite has become a crucial intervention for thousands of our region's most vulnerable residents, and remains a critical component of our City's efforts to tackle addiction under the direction of our Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health and Addictions, and Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy.

Now, at a time when our city is experiencing record numbers of overdose deaths and the Provincial Health Officer has declared a public health emergency in British Columbia regarding fentanyl-tainted illicit drugs, these new supervised injection facilities are needed more urgently than ever. In September, Vancouver City Council was briefed by regional medical health officers who noted that from January to July of this year 433 people have died from drug-overdose in BC, with a significantly disproportionate number of those deaths occurring in Vancouver's DTES — the proposed home for the two new safe injection sites.

Our first responders at the Vancouver Police Department and Fire and Rescue Services have done an outstanding job responding to overdose related calls. From January to August 2016 our Firehall located in the DTES responded to over 900 calls for overdose incidents alone. They have undoubtedly saved many lives, but I am concerned about the workload, stress, and added costs to City systems. Improved access to supervised injection services in the DTES would do much to reduce call volume and allow firefighters, as well as police, to focus on other pressing emergency response work.

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Supervised injection sites have been rigorously studied, and evidence on their benefits for public safety, infectious disease transmission rates, and overdose death prevention is clear. It is time now for all levels of government to unite under a framework that treats addiction as a disease and a health issue.

As an urgent first step I ask Health Canada to approve these supervised injection sites as quickly as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregor Robertson", written over a faint, illegible background.

Gregor Robertson  
Mayor, City of Vancouver

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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

August 30, 2016

The Honourable Jane Philpott, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Health  
70 Colombine Driveway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9  
Email: [jane.philpott@canada.ca](mailto:jane.philpott@canada.ca)

Dear Minister Philpott,

In the last election campaign, the Liberal party campaigned on a commitment to make public policy based on science and to treat addiction as a health issue, not a criminal issue. We were proud to see these positions taken during the campaign and welcomed a new approach to public policy in Ottawa with the election of your government.

We are writing in response to your recent comments stating that the federal government has no intention of repealing the previous Conservative government's *Respect for Communities Act*. This is very concerning and we urge you to reconsider.

The *Respect for Communities Act* is a flawed, mean-spirited and ineffective piece of legislation that only serves to marginalize our most vulnerable residents and criminalize people suffering from addiction. It was a deliberate attempt by the Conservative government to create barriers that block people from accessing life-saving harm reduction services and medical care.

The Act places onerous requirements on health care providers seeking approval from the federal government to open or continue to operate a supervised injection site. The amount of paperwork and criteria required to meet federal approval downloads thousands of dollars in costs on to health providers. In Vancouver, we can testify to Insite and the Dr. Peter Centre's success and ability to save lives and support recovery. To keep the administrative hurdles in place for establishing and maintaining these vital health services is the wrong approach.

The Act is in no way based on health science and should be repealed by your government as soon as possible. At a time when overdose deaths are surging in British Columbia and the Provincial Health

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Officer has declared a public health emergency regarding fentanyl, we urge you to reconsider your position and begin steps to repeal the *Respect for Communities Act*, so that people who need access to medical treatment can get it as soon as possible.

Thank you,



Gregor Robertson  
Mayor of Vancouver



Honourable Terry Lake  
Minister of Health  
Province of British Columbia

Dr. Patricia Daly  
Chief Medical Health Officer  
Vancouver Coastal Health

Maxine Davis  
Executive Director  
Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

Dr. Kerry Jang  
Professor, UBC Department of Psychiatry  
City Councillor, Vancouver

Dr. Perry Kendall  
Provincial Health Officer  
Province of British Columbia

Dr. Michael Krausz  
UBC-Providence Leadership Chair  
for Addiction Research

Katrina Pacey  
Executive Director  
Pivot Legal Society

Dr. Evan Wood  
Professor of Medicine  
Canada Research Chair in Inner City Medicine,  
University of British Columbia

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*We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.*

November 16, 2016

The Honourable Jane Philpott, P.C., Minister of Health  
70 Colombine Driveway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

Dear Minister Philpott,

Thank you for meeting with me during your busy visit to Vancouver last week, and for your visit to Fire Hall #2. We very much appreciate you taking the time to listen to our first responders and City staff about the overdose crisis and the challenges we are facing.

The two supervised injection site applications currently before Health Canada will be of enormous value in improving public health in Vancouver and will save many lives. We appreciate your commitment to expediting these applications, and ensuring access to life-saving harm reduction services and medical care.

As you'll recall, we discussed initiating a quarterly meeting with our City Manager, a Deputy Minister from the BC Ministry of Health, and a Deputy or senior official from Health Canada to ensure the timely sharing of information and coordination of efforts. The City of Vancouver is eager to start this process as soon as possible, and we look forward to a response from your office regarding moving this initiative forward.

Sincerely,



Gregor Robertson  
Mayor, City of Vancouver