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Subject: DTES street market - overdose prevention

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing in response to recent questions on the above-referenced topic. I understand there is a petition circulating in the neighbourhood on this issue and, if not already, we expect you may be receiving communication on it shortly. As such, we are providing the following background in advance of our regular weekly response:

- An agreement has been reached between VCH, the Overdose Prevention Society (OPS), the Market and CoV that the OPS will set up just outside of the temporary market now located at 62 East Hastings over the next few weeks until the Market staff and peers are trained up on harm reduction equipment/skills.
- Over the next few weeks staff/peers at the Market will receive training from VCH and learn how to administer oxygen for example in addition to naloxone given the increased toxicity in the illicit drug supply.
- Staff will monitor the situation and ensure that the Market staff/peers are equipped to respond to overdoses prior to the OPS no longer attending at the Market site.

Suggested Response to public:

- Thank you for reaching out. Staff have confirmed that an agreement has been reached between VCH, the OPS, the Market and CoV that the OPS will set up just outside of the temporary market now located at 62 East Hastings over the next few weeks until the Market staff and peers are trained up on harm reduction equipment/skills. Staff are planning to monitor the situation to ensure that the Market staff/peers are equipped to respond to overdoses prior to the OPS no longer attending at the Market site.

Best,
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