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Subject: RE: Safe Injection Site Zoning

Dear Mayor and Council,

In response to Councillor Kirby-Yung's question about zoning provisions for safe injection sites at hotels recently purchased by BC Housing, staff have the following information:

BC Housing recently purchased or leased a number of sites to provide needed supportive housing:

Sites purchased:

- Howard Johnson, 1176 Granville Street
- Buchan Hotel, 1906 Haro Street
- American Hotel, 926 Main Street

Sites leased:

- 103 E Hastings Street
- International Hostel, 1025 Granville Street
- Holiday Inn, 1110 Howe Street

Please note that there are no safe injection sites at the above locations. Staff are doing room checks and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is involved with prescribing safe supply to some tenants. Our staff in Arts Culture and Community Services (ACCS) coordinating supportive housing with BCH have engaged with Development Building and Licensing (DBL), and Fire to advise on any upgrades/ tenant improvements needed to address any life safety issues prior to tenanting. It is anticipated any improvements that may be required would be addressed through development permit (DP) and would not require rezoning by Council.

As some context regarding safe injection sites, VCH currently operates two Supervised Consumption Sites in Vancouver. One is Insite at 139 E Hastings St and the other is in the Powell St Getaway Resource Centre at 528 Powell St. Insite was set up in 2003 in a vacant CRU, when a Development Permit (DP) was issued for Health Care Office use. The Powell Street Gateway facility was added into an existing VCH social services centre - A DP was not required, as this was considered accessory to the existing social services centre use).

Should supervised consumption be proposed as a use at any of the above BCH sites in the future, staff would review specific zoning provisions and respond accordingly. Zoning of these sites is variable and in some cases, supervised consumption is permitted as a health care office use. In such cases, a DP, subject to the associated review and consultation process, would be required (rather than rezoning approval by Council).

If you have further questions on relevant zoning provisions, please feel free to direct them to Gil Kelley. Staff regularly meet with BCH and VCH to discuss these projects and opportunities.

Best,
Sadhu

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Hi Sadhu,

With respect to the two downtown hotels purchased and discussion regarding locating safe injection site/s there, does this require any zoning approval from Council? Or can B.C. Housomg proceed without any involvement or approval from the City?

Thanks,

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