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Subject: 32 Suspected Overdose Deaths in March Recorded in Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Council,

Yesterday, the BC Coroners service released data on the overdose crisis in BC up until the end of February 2018. They also released new recommendations from the death review panel which included: expanding opioid agonist treatments, ensuring accountable system of care to provide evidence-based system addiction and treatment services, and expanding drug checking services

While data in February showed a slightly lower number of overdose deaths, the early data from VPD that we have collected for March shows a spike once again.

Staff and health officials will provide an update to Council on April 17 on the overdose crisis in Vancouver. If you have any questions in the interim, please let me know.

Best,
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