



## Official Statement from Mayor Ken Sim on Recent B.C. Supreme Court Decision

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**VANCOUVER, BC** – Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim released the following statement about the recent B.C. Supreme Court decision:

“As the Mayor of Vancouver, I hold deep respect for the essential role our judicial system plays in our society. However, the decision by the B.C. Supreme Court to pause the B.C. government’s recent legislation on banning drug consumption in public spaces raises concerns.

“We have tirelessly worked to strike a delicate balance, aiming to restore safety to our public spaces. This includes areas frequented by children such as playgrounds, sports fields, beaches, and other recreational spots. We firmly believe these areas should be places where our youth can play and grow without exposure to the detrimental effects of drug use.

“Recognizing the importance of addressing the root causes of drug use and addiction, the City of Vancouver is actively investing in mental health resources and other necessary support services. We acknowledge that no one should be compelled to engage in substance use in the shadows, but this should not come at the expense of degrading our public spaces.

“We respectfully urge the court to reconsider its decision and allow the province’s legislation to come into effect. Our vision for Vancouver is one of a secure and safe city, where families can trust that public spaces remain free from drug-related activities, and that the well-being of our community, particularly our children, takes precedence.”

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