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Official Statement from Mayor Ken Sim on Tragic Rise in Drug-Related Deaths

VANCOUVER, BC – Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim released the following statement in response to the recent BC Coroners Service report:

“It is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the annual BC Coroners Service Report released today, revealing almost seven deaths a day due to toxic drug supply.

“This is not just a statistic - it’s a deeply personal matter touching the lives of many Vancouverites and British Columbians. As a city deeply affected by this health crisis, we are committed to supporting the province of British Columbia, and other senior levels of government, as they work to respond to this mental health and addictions crisis. Together, we must ensure that Vancouverites receive the care and support they urgently need.

“In these trying times, extend our deepest sympathies to the families and individuals affected by these heartbreaking losses. We pledge to continue advocating for essential measures aimed at addressing the root causes of this crisis, supporting first responders and frontline workers providing life-saving services, and enhancing the well-being of our community.”

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