VCH Burrard Bridge recommendations

- 1. North end Pacific Burrard intersection
- 2. Higher railings
 - 1. Rationale
 - 2. Implications for other bridges



Burrard – Pacific intersection

- Medical Health Officer endorses the proposed improvements for pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle safety
- Northwest corner will still need close monitoring



Higher railings

- Recommended by Vancouver MHO, Mental Health and Addictions, Trauma Services, and Emergency Services
- Consistent with BC Coroners Service longstanding recommendations
- Consistent with recommendations of MoT&I expert working group
- Supported by scientific evidence in Canada and worldwide



Implications for other Vancouver bridges

- Local geography and infrastructure are key
- Recommend installation of crisis phones on Burrard and Granville Bridges
- Province and Translink need to act other high risk bridges
- Close monitoring is required



Help is always available

- Vancouver: 604-872-3311
- Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky: 1-866-661-3311
- Anywhere in BC: 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
- Mental Health Support Line: 310-6789
- Seniors Distress Line: 604-872-1234
- Online Chat Service (Noon to 1am)
 - Youth: www.YouthInBC.com
 - Adult: <u>www.CrisisCentreChat.ca</u>

