

1101 Seymour

Modification of Lease for SWAN and RainCity for Overdose Prevention Site

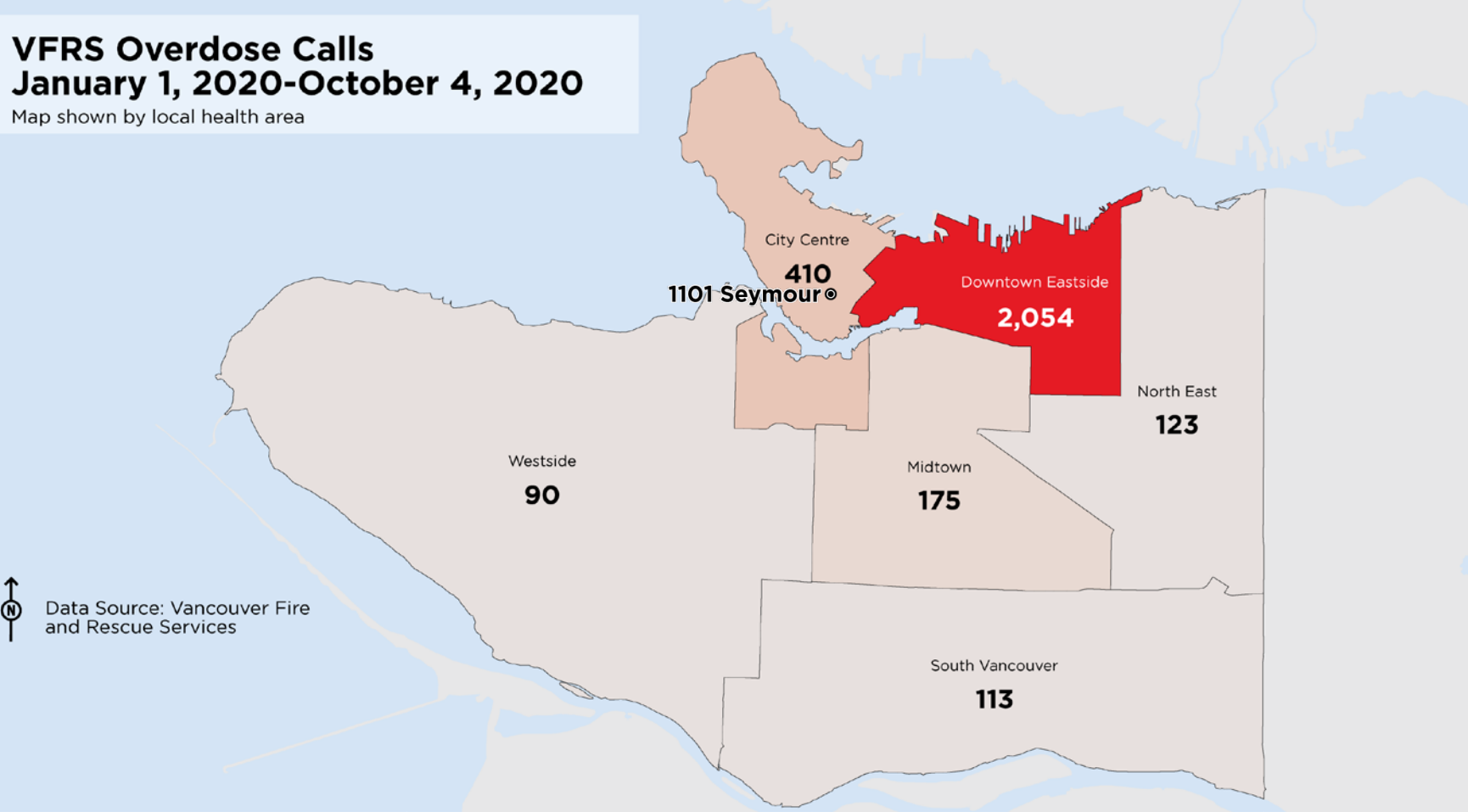


- A. Authorize Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute the modification of SWAN's existing lease to enable a move from the 580 s.f. 1st floor of 1101 Seymour to a 3rd floor space within the building;
- B. Approve RainCity Housing and Support Society to occupy and operate an Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) in 590 s.f. of the 1st floor at 1101 Seymour (previous SWAN space);
- C. Authorize Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with RainCity based on:
 - i. Terms and Renewal Options: One year and 5 months commencing November 1, 2020, plus one renewal option for a further two (2) years; and
 - ii. Rent and Operating Costs: Total Rent of \$18,096 per annum, including a grant valued at approx. \$9,744 based on first year of term.
- D. No Legal rights or obligations created or arise by Council's adoption of Recommendation A, B, and C unless and until Modification and RainCity Lease executed and delivered.

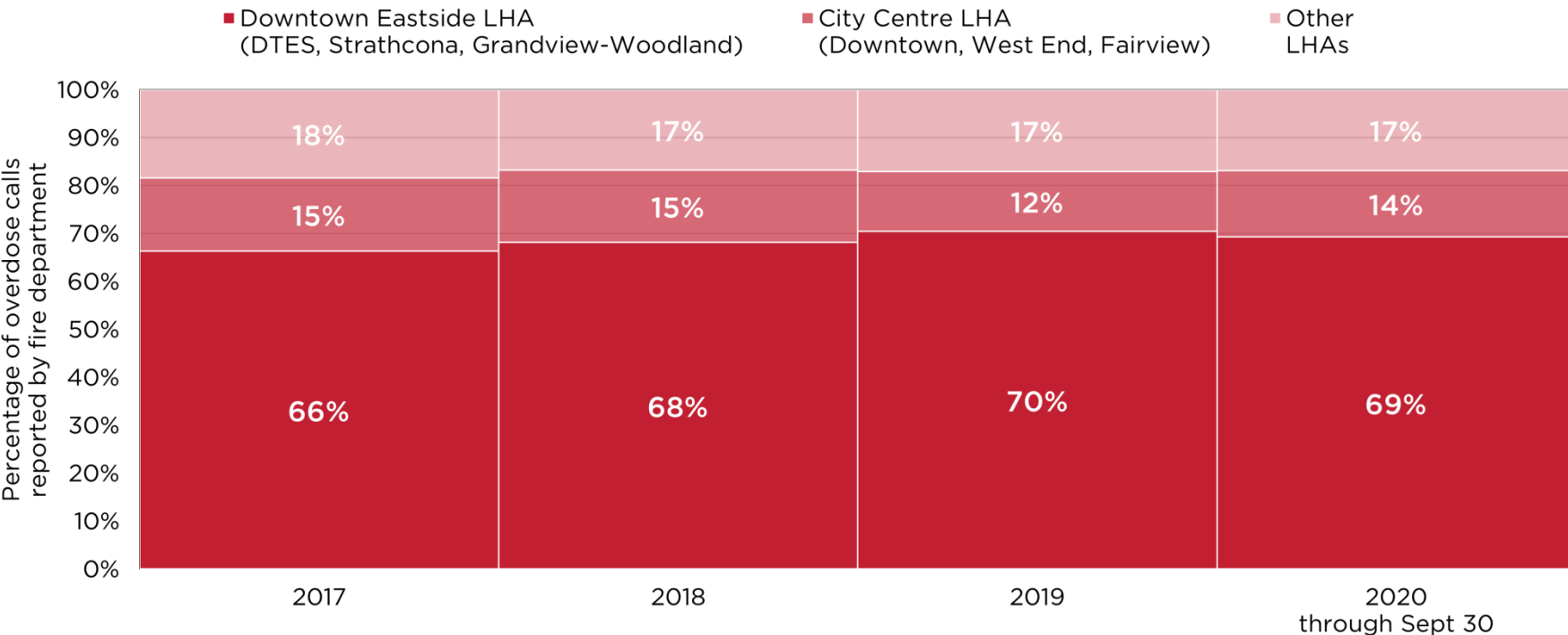
Overdose Crisis: 400+ overdose calls in City Centre LHA YTD

VFRS Overdose Calls January 1, 2020-October 4, 2020

Map shown by local health area



Distribution of VFRS Overdose Calls by Local Health Area



Data Source: Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services

Overdoses take place across the city, but more incidents downtown

VFRS Overdose Call Locations January 1, 2017-October 4, 2020

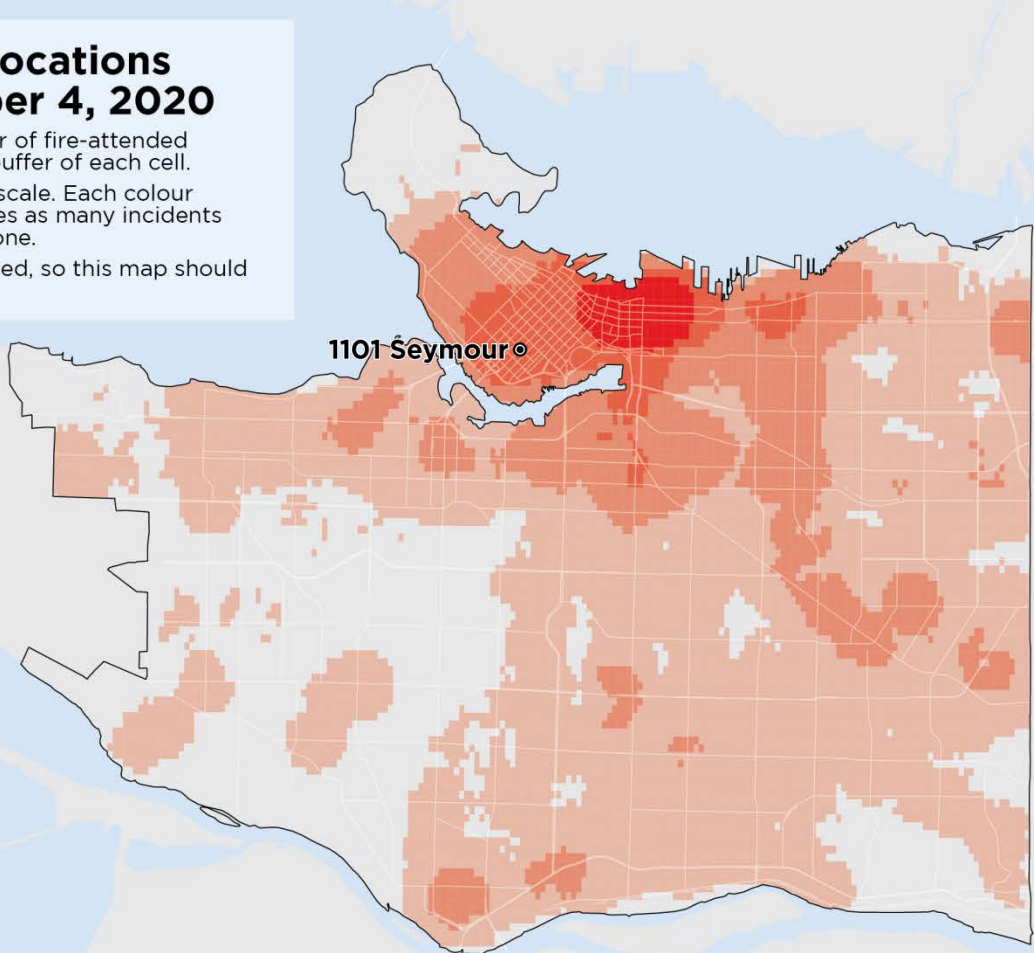
This map is based on the relative number of fire-attended overdose incidents within a 400 metre buffer of each cell.

Map colours are based on a logarithmic scale. Each colour gradation indicates approximately 6 times as many incidents in the surrounding area as the previous one.

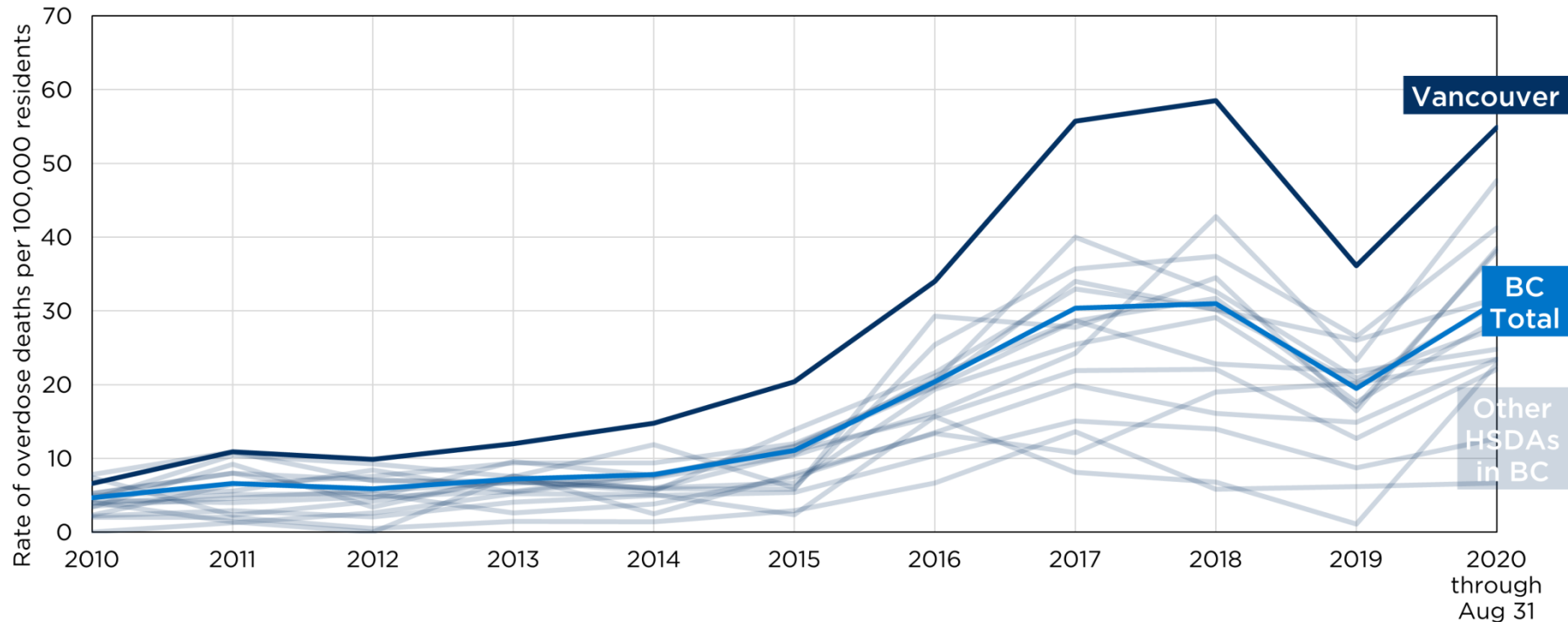
Not all overdoses can be precisely mapped, so this map should be used for general information only.



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Fire and Rescue Services

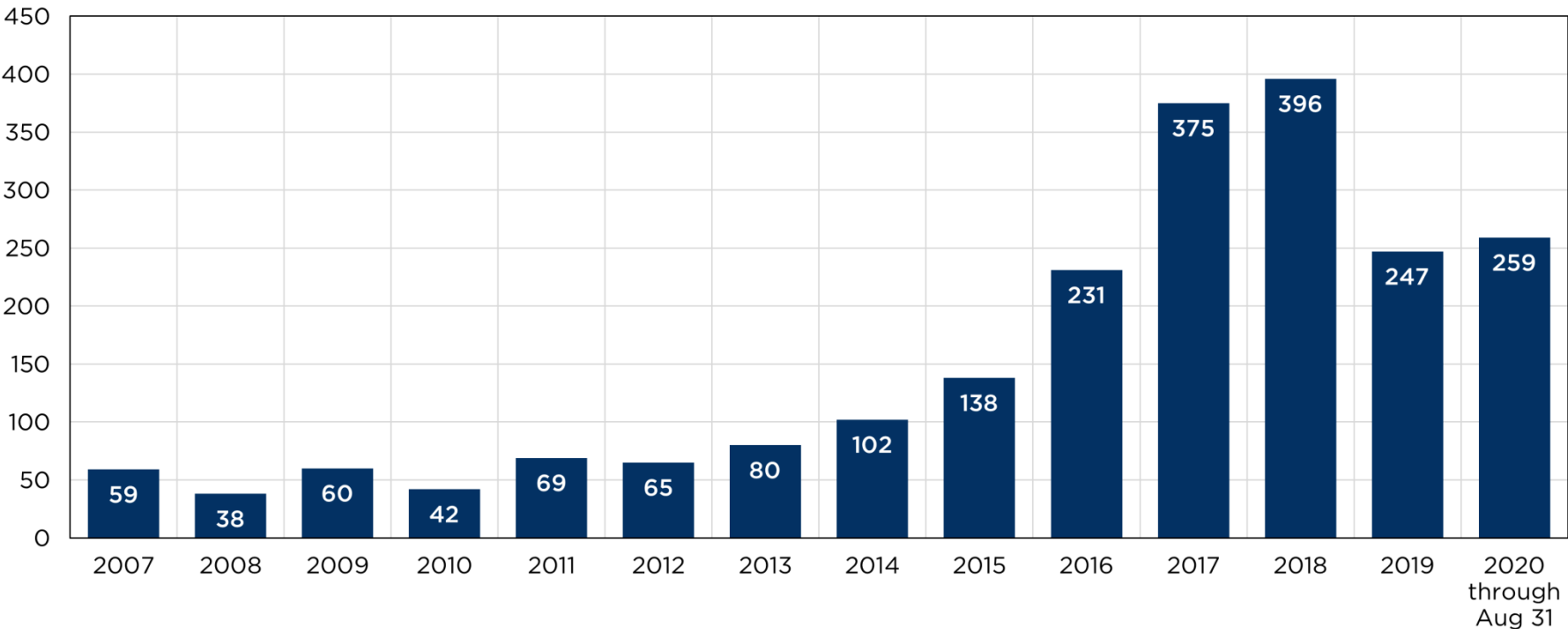


Rate of Overdose Deaths by Health Services Delivery Area



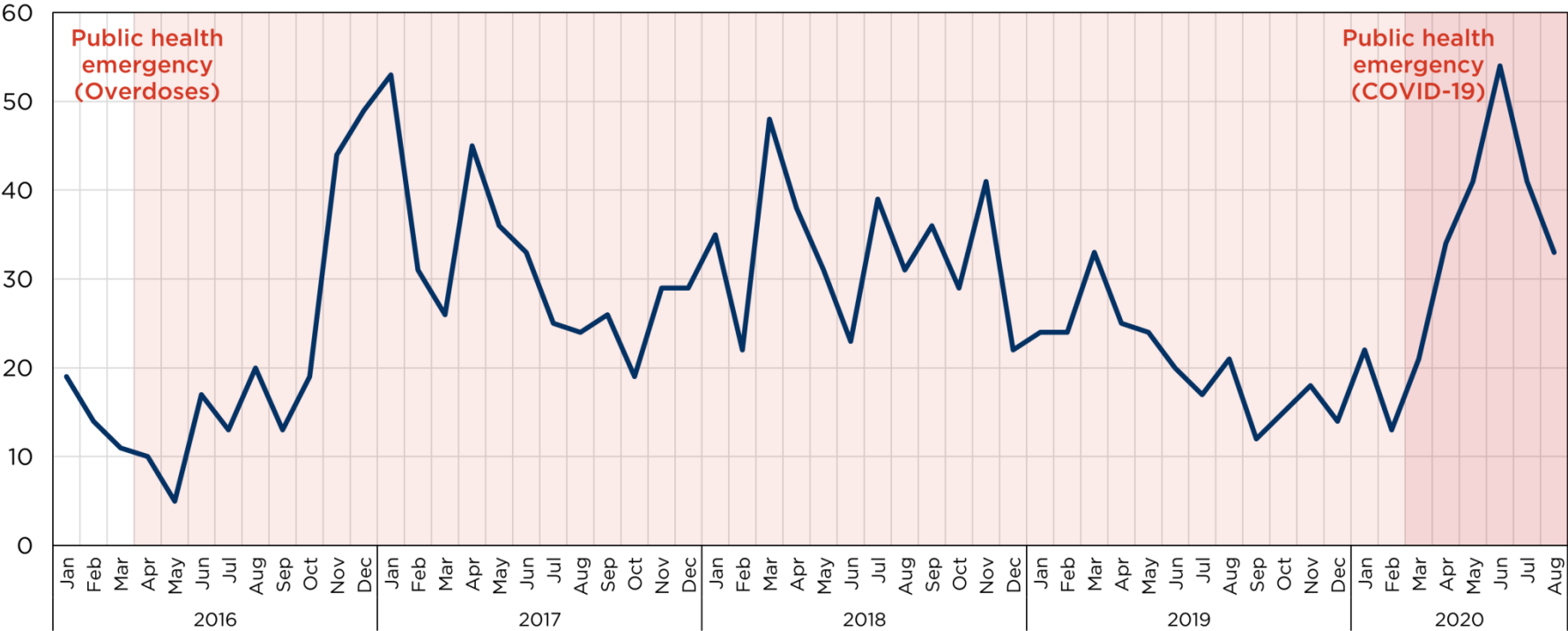
Data Source: BC Coroners Service, Overdose Deaths in British Columbia statistical reports

Annual Overdose Deaths in City of Vancouver



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Monthly Overdose Deaths in City of Vancouver



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Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS) are funded by VCH and operated by non-profit or community health providers. The City partners with VCH to implement a 4 Pillars approach to drug policy – including securing safe spaces for drug users, advocating for overdose prevention and treatment (safe supply), and addressing stigma as a key barrier to service access.

VCH Criteria for Selection of OPS Site:

- 1) Service demand and gap for overdose prevention (i.e. VFRS, Ambulance calls, Coroner deaths)
- 2) Proximity to other social service agencies;
- 3) Site availability, affordability and appropriate:
 - 1) Vacant, non-clinical, community space at street level
 - 2) 500 and 1,000 square feet
 - 3) Affordable/within VCH's budget
 - 4) Available for a minimum of 15 months
 - 5) Included space to store harm reduction and naloxone supplies, staff office/space and washroom

Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS): An Emergency Health Service

An Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) is a community-based, temporary emergency health service that operates under a public health order that does not require community consultation.

- May 2018, first OPS located outside DTES in outdoor tent located at the Thurlow Street entrance outside St. Paul's, operated by RainCity;
- Since May 2020, PHS has operated a mobile OPS van outside 1101 Seymour from 1-7pm, seven days a week (see #2 on VCH OPS/SCS Map)

OVERDOSE PREVENTION SITES AND SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITES:

OCTOBER 2020



CORNER OF COMOX & THURLOW
(NORTHEAST CORNER OF PARKING LOT)
11AM - 10:30PM EVERY DAY

2 MOBILE OPS VAN
CORNER OF
SEYMOUR & HELMCKEN
1PM - 7PM

3 OPS TENT
58 WEST HASTINGS
10PM - 3PM EVERY DAY

4 OPS
58 / 62 EAST HASTINGS
(ALLEY FOR SMOKING)
12PM - 9PM MONDAY
8AM - 9PM TUESDAY-FRIDAY

INSITE
139 EAST HASTINGS
9AM - 2:00AM EVERY DAY

6 MOLSON
166 EAST HASTINGS (ALLEY)
7AM - 10:30PM EVERY DAY
**OPEN 24 HOURS TUE/WED/THU
OF CHEQUE WEEK**

7 VANDU
380 EAST HASTINGS
10AM - 9:30PM
EVERY DAY EXCEPT THURSDAY

8 POWELL STREET GETAWAY
528 POWELL STREET
9AM - 8:30PM EVERY DAY

9 SISTERSPACE
135 DUNLEVY AVENUE
WOMEN ONLY
6PM - 12PM (18 HRS)
EVERY DAY

10 SISTERSPACE TENT
CORNER OF
JACKSON & POWELL
WOMEN ONLY
24/7

11 GET YOUR DRUGS TESTED
880 EAST HASTINGS STREET
12PM - 8PM
EVERY DAY

STAY SAFE - NEVER USE ALONE - MAKE SURE YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS HAVE A NALOXONE KIT

- If Council approves, Staff will work to negotiate the lease terms with SWAN and RainCity Housing and Support Society
 - The indoor OPS operated by RainCity would be a continuation of service for up to 3.5 years, (including a 2-year renewal) to:
 - Replace existing mobile OPS van currently operated by Portland Hotel Society (PHS) outside proposed 1101 Seymour site
 - Move existing RainCity OPS at St. Paul's indoors and an inpatient OPS will operate within St. Paul's Hospital for patients only.
 - RainCity has well-known expertise in cultural safety, gender inclusivity for 2SLGBTQ+ residents, with excellent reputations with youth. These practices and relationships make services accessible for people who experience many compounding barriers to accessing health services.
 - This approach and overdose prevention health service aligns with Council's commitments to 4 Pillars Approach and the Mayor's Overdose Emergency Task Force to providing services across Vancouver, including outside the DTES neighbourhood where people are at.
- If Council does not approve:
 - VCH will continue to operate a mobile van service outside 1101 Seymour, impacting the quality and quantity of service for drug users
 - VCH will continue look for an indoor space in this neighbourhood based on the need
 - There will not be an indoor location to which outdoor drug use can be relocated until a new indoor space can be found



- **What other sites did VCH or the City look at for this service?**
 - VCH looked at a number of sites, including:
 - the vacant lot beside The Howard Johnston
 - 3 Bridges Clinic is a clinical site (over-capacity + not appropriate for OPS)
 - Inside a public housing building (e.g., converting housing units or rooms) is not an appropriate location for an OPS; a storefront presence is required.
- **Did staff consider the proximity to the Park or other local services or community service providers?**
 - No restrictions on locations. Staff work with VCH to identify potential locations.
 - City has limited available space in DT; service fits well with other services in building & area
 - VCH mobile OPS van has already been at this location since May; this means the service can now be provided indoors rather than out of mobile van parked on street.
- **Why was there no community consultation as to use of this location?**
 - There is no consultation on location of OPS sites as it is a temporary emergency health service in response to a public health crisis; fits health/social service zoning and so VCH can lease any site that meets its service needs
 - VCH typically informs neighbours close to the opening of an OPS site

We would expect VCH and the operator to engage local neighbours if there are any impacts that