

**Vision:** The City of Vancouver is a healthy, safe and sustainable place to live and work  
**First Focus:** Make the Downtown Eastside (DTES) a vibrant place where people, business and the community thrive together

## Goals

In the DTES...  
 Increase economic development  
 Improve health of residents  
 Increase public safety

### Strategies and Actions

#### Revitalize the Hastings Corridor

- Redevelop Woodwards and adjacent areas
- Create one-stop access for economic and community development at Four Corners site
- Launch economic development strategy with business and residents
- Launch employment strategy for multi-barriered residents
- Create incentives to retain/expand existing business and incubate new business
- Increase market and non-market housing to attract a diversity of income levels
- Create incentives to upgrade heritage buildings
- Encourage new community enterprises
- Develop public realm/spaces
- Strengthen liquor and business license compliance and enforcement

#### Make the community safer and healthier for the most vulnerable

- Create one-stop access for social and employment support services for low-income residents
- Improve quality/distribution of free and low-cost food
- Implement women's strategy including: development of safe places and transitional supported housing outside the DTES
- Implement youth strategy including: development of supported housing for street entrenched youth
- Implement Aboriginal strategy including: launch of Aboriginal Healing Centre
- Create integrated prevention strategy for high-risk youth and their families in inner city neighborhoods
- Expand Neighbours First program
- Develop coordinated law enforcement, health, social service response to under-age youth at risk

### Strategies and Actions

#### Dismantle the open drug scene

- Finalize VCH addictions plan, and prioritize and implement key initiatives in it
- Finalize and implement VCH communicable disease intervention strategy
- Develop transitional and permanent supported housing for street-based residents, people with addictions and mental health issues
- Implement city-wide, school-based drug abuse prevention curriculum
- Develop coordinated law enforcement and criminal justice strategy re: organized crime and sentencing
- Develop integrated enforcement strategy that targets licensed premises and businesses that support the drug trade
- Target street enforcement activities on the open drug market

#### Turn problem hotels into safer, healthier hotels

- Stabilize worst hotels in DTES through purchase, lease, enforcement, or other means
- Create incentives to improve living conditions in SROs (upgrade hotels and improve management)
- Provide care, treatment and support services for hotel residents as needed
- Replace problem pubs and hotels with community-based businesses and/or other facilities
- Target enforcement activities on employment standards in hotels, building maintenance and welfare fraud by hotel owners
- Develop a project integrating supportive housing, employment, social enterprise and health services in an existing hotel

## Outcomes

In the DTES...  
 Increased economic activity  
 Improved living conditions  
 Decreased preventable deaths, injuries and illnesses  
 Increased community cohesion