

Walk in detox and recovery

When someone asks for help, there should be a real door to walk through and a clear next step. I will seek a staffed, low-barrier withdrawal and recovery hub on or near East Hastings.

WHAT I WILL BRING FORWARD

- Negotiate with Vancouver Coastal Health and qualified providers for same-day assessment, safe transport and reserved treatment capacity. Publish actual requests, admissions, refusals and waits.
- Link withdrawal care to continuing treatment, mental-health support, medication when clinically appropriate, and housing and employment navigation. Existing services, including Onsite, must be part of the capacity review.
- Offer practical recovery supports such as transport, a phone or a bicycle through a capped, clinically reviewed incentive program. A 100-day pathway should offer a funded supported-work placement or an equivalent accessible opportunity.

Delivery. Bring a site, operator, staffing and partnership proposal to Council within 100 days. The City can help with premises and coordination; health partners must approve and fund clinical care. Treatment length follows individual need, not a fixed seven-day contest.

Public measures. Report wait times, sustained treatment engagement, housing stability, participant-reported outcomes and safety events. Compare against a published baseline.

Conditions. Keep treatment voluntary wherever the law permits. Do not withdraw lifesaving care or housing because someone relapses. Any Detox Vault media project must be separate, optional and unable to influence care or benefits.

Connects to: 02, 03, 04, 25

Evidence notes: S01, S07 in the full policy package.