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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed **Temporary Use Permit for 40 Begbie Street**, which would allow Fraser Health Authority to operate a Health Contact Centre in this location for up to 18 months.

As a resident of **14 Begbie Street**, I am deeply concerned about the **potential impact of introducing this facility** to an area that is already struggling with significant issues related to homelessness, open drug use, and public safety.

This neighbourhood, especially near the **New Westminster SkyTrain Station**, has already seen an increase in:

- Aggressive behavior and safety concerns near building entrances and public spaces.
- Drug use and loitering in public areas, including in front of residences and transit hubs.
- Littering of needles and drug-related paraphernalia, posing risks to residents, children, and pets.
- A decline in the quality of life for families, seniors, and working professionals who live and work in the area.

Placing an overdose prevention facility at this location, directly across from residential buildings and a major transit station, would only worsen these challenges and further discourage revitalization efforts in the downtown core.

I understand that Fraser Health is required to provide services to those in need. However, placing such a facility at 40 Begbie Street would unfairly burden this neighborhood, while there may be other locations better suited and less disruptive to residential life.

I respectfully urge the City of New Westminster to **deny this permit** and support a solution that balances public health with community well-being.

Sincerely,  
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