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Subject: [EXTERNAL] TUP for Purpose Society at 40 Begbie
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Please find my attached support letter for extension of TUP for Purpose Society at 40 Begbie St. In addition to attached letter I would like to mention that I am S22(1) Personal Information

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(when Covid hit) I started volunteering at Purpose Society as it was steps from my doorstep. Originally I started in Harm Reduction - preparing the drug and sex kits to be distributed to users upon request and hospitals and agencies. Then I started also volunteering in the food hamper program. I've had to go back to only preparing the kits again S22(1) Personal Information. Folks ask me why I choose to continue to volunteer my time in harm reduction. The simple answer is I know it saves lives. Not sure of the immediate statistics but I know it wasn't too long ago that Purpose Society harm reduction could boast that not a single life lost using within their safe injection site. Not true for the rest of my neighbourhood. I've also met some of the users who use the Purpose services and I have a new found respect for what some folks have survived. I want everyone to survive. I know Purpose Soc has had to scale back on its food hamper programs due to lower donations. People need more not less. I'd hate to take away another very important and sometimes life saving program. I fully support the TUP extension.

Thank you for your attention, Denise Bostwick

Subject: Support for the TUP for Purpose Society

To: City Council

Re: The 18 month Temporary Use Permit for Purpose Society to continue to run a safe consumption site at 40 Begbie Street, New Westminster (access from Alexander Street)

As a resident of New Westminster, I would like to express my full support for the approval of an 18 month Temporary Use Permit for Purpose Society to continue to run a safe consumption site at 40 Begbie Street, New Westminster (access from Alexander Street).

This is an essential service that keeps not only our substance-using population, but all residents and businesses in the city safer. It is a pragmatic response to the Drug Toxicity Crisis that saves lives and reduces the burden on emergency services. It is also the compassionate and right thing to do.

Sincerely,