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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing as both a long-time resident of New Westminster and a health care union leader to express my strong support for the Purpose Society's application for an 18-month Temporary Use Permit (TUP00038) at 40 Begbie Street.

I have lived in New Westminster for 18 years. I also serve as Chair of the Vancouver General Hospital Local of the Hospital Employees' Union. In both my personal and professional life, I have seen the devastating impact of the toxic drug crisis. Seven years ago, I lost my brother to fentanyl poisoning. I carry that loss with me every day and I know I am far from alone.

The Health Contact Centre provides essential, life-saving services: supervised consumption, drug checking, harm reduction supplies, and community safety initiatives like regular drug sweeps and sharps recovery. These are not luxuries, they are necessary tools in an ongoing public health emergency.

The full 18-month term is not only reasonable, but also responsible. It provides the time needed to implement the next phase of services, including mobile safe inhalation supports. Cutting this period short risks creating gaps in care, increased harm, and further destabilization for people who are already vulnerable.

I support the call for a Good Neighbour Agreement and believe Fraser Health must be accountable for adequate outreach and public space management. But I urge you not to let punitive timelines or political pressure undermine the work being done to keep people alive.

Please approve the full 18-month Temporary Use Permit. It's a small but vital step toward the compassionate, evidence-based care our communities deserve.

In solidarity,

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