**BC** Centre for Disease Control

# Community Action Initiative

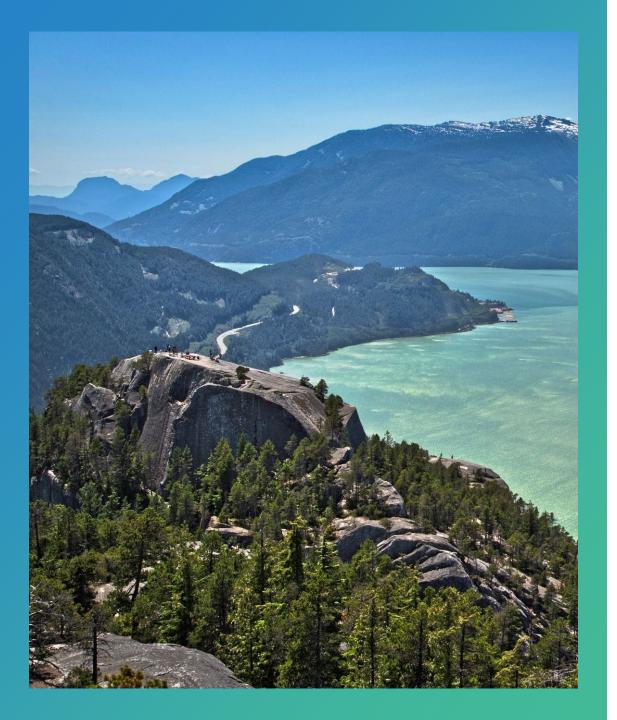
# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSE TO THE OVERDOSE CRISIS:

# LOCAL LEADERSHIP UNITED (LLU)

Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

This meeting is taking place on the unceded, ancestral and occupied territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and sel'ílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) people

Introductions



# Next 20 minutes

- Provincial project
- Federal Minister's announcement

Upcoming activities





# **LLU Project Goals**

1. Build local capacity, knowledge, and relationships

2. Create a network

3. Support a commitment to change



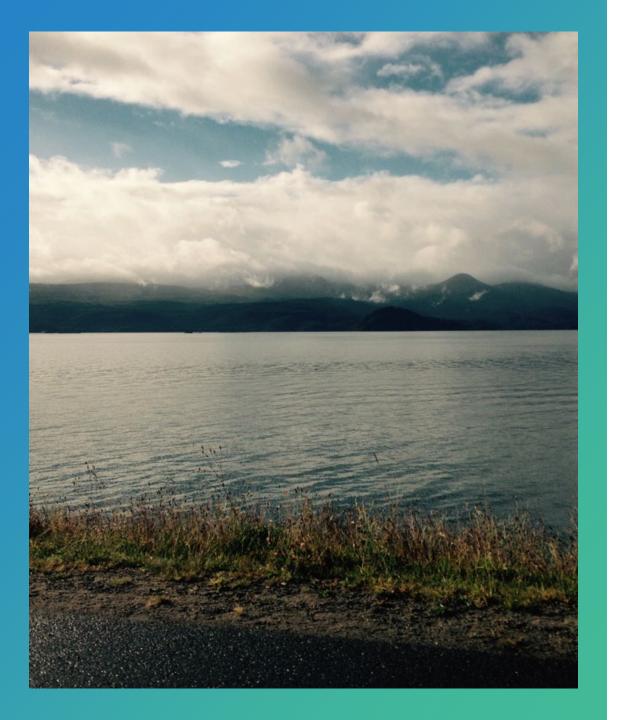




# **LLU Approach**

- 1. Work with local stakeholders to plan events
- 2. Host regional dialogues with elected officials
- 3. Emphasize local mandates & linkages
- 4. Panel of local resources relationship building





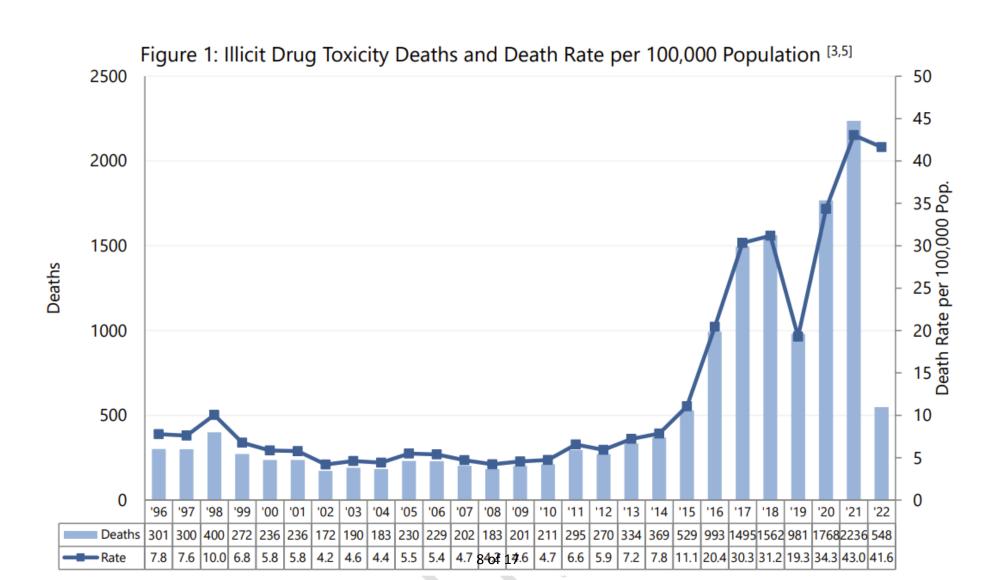
# **LLU Content**

- Overdose Stats update
- Principles of Harm Reduction
- History of Prohibition
- Mandates
- Panel: Local Resources

# 6 People/Day for Way Too Long

**BC Coroners Service** 

Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths in BC January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2022



# Principles of Harm Reduction

- Pragmatism
- Human rights
- Focus on reducing harms
- Quality of life for the individual and community well being

- Diverse options
- Meet people where they are at
- Nothing about us without us

# HISTORY OF PROHIBITION

"The current models are not working"

- Lisa LapointeBC's Chief Coroner



#### **Provincial Mandates & Roles**

Health

- BC Guiding Framework for Public Health
- 2020 Mandate Letter

# Mental Health & Addictions

- "A Pathway to Hope"
- 2020 Mandate Letter

#### **Putting People First**

Lasting & Meaningful Reconciliation

Equity & Anti-Racism

# Municipal Affairs

- Local Government Act
- Community Charter
- 2020 Mandate Letter

# Municipal Mandates

# Local Mandates & Priorities

- Official Community Plans
- Local strategic plans (ie. homelessness strategies)
- Council strategic priorities
- Community concerns

Vibrant downtown/ Local economy

Improved community cohesion

Addressing homelessness

**Lasting & Meaningful Reconciliation** 

Greater safety for families/ residents who are housed

**Crime prevention** 

Greater stability for individuals/communities

#### **Harm Reduction**

- Pragmatic & evidence based
- Already critical to national/provincial/local overdose response
- Meeting people where they are at
- Diverse solutions, for diverse needs
- Nothing about us without us

### Panel

- Harm Reduction Coordinator
- Community Health Specialist/Facilitator
- Mental Health and Substance Use
- Community Based Organization
- Person With Lived/Living Experience (PWLLE)

## Federal Minister's Announcement

#### Decriminalization

- Small scale possession
- January 2023 to January 2026
- Opioids
- Cocaine
- Meth
- MDMA

#### **Evaluation**



# SUCCESS STORIES

Mike Grandia, Constable Surrey Police Services

# **LLU ACTIVITIES:**

UBCM AGM
UBCM
PIBC
Bylaw Officers
Regional Convenings



