

Siting of Supervised Consumption Facilities

Planning and Environment Committee
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Supervised Consumption: Does it work?

It's already working right
here...

186 King: Temporary Site



Temporary Overdose Prevention Site

(As at April 25, 2018)

- Two thousand and ninety-nine (2099) client visits
- Almost 700 unique clients
- Three overdoses, all handled smoothly
- Hundreds of clients connecting with other services, including drug counselling and treatment services
- No increase in neighbourhood issues
- Several different neighbours noting REDUCTION in needle waste

What about the
neighbourhood?

Do supervised consumption sites increase crime? 'The answer to that is a flat no'

Janice Abbott is the woman who launched the first-ever such site in a residential building in Canada



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Research Evidence Summary

- No increased in drug-related crime

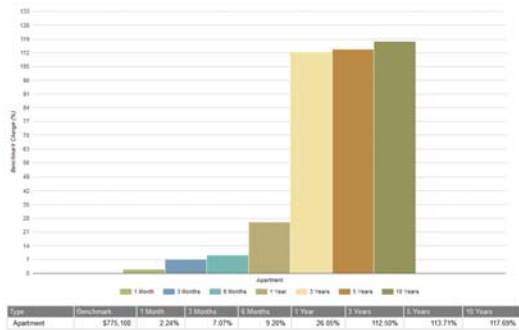
(Wood et al., Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy, 2006)

- Reductions in public disorder

(Wood et al., Canadian Medical Association Journal, 2004, Petrar et al., Addictive Behaviors, Stoltz et al., Journal of Public Health, 2007)

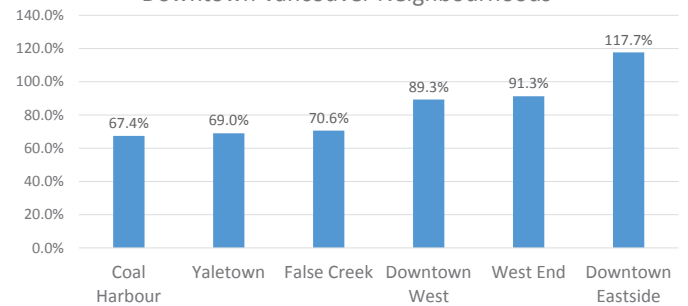
Are property values affected?

Property Values in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside



Source: Christie's International Real Estate
<https://faithwilsongroup.com/neighbourhoods/downtown-east/>

Property Value Increase over 10 years Downtown Vancouver Neighbourhoods



Public Meetings

For 446 York and 241 Simcoe

Themes

- Personal safety
- Security of property
- Property values
- Trust

→ Neighbourhood Safety Planning

