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January 26, 2007

Mayor Sam Sullivan
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**RE: Chronic Addiction Alternative Treatment
initiative
City of Vancouver**

Your Worship,

In my previous correspondence to you dated January 16, 2007 on this same subject, I advised you that we would be discussing your innovative approach to addressing this City's chronic open drug market. It was our intention to formulate a position within a month.

The DVBIA Board of Directors at its January 23, 2007 meeting had the opportunity to discuss the preliminary outline of your Chronic Addiction Alternative Treatment initiative and unanimously supports it, in principle. We look forward to reviewing a more formal proposal to better understand the mechanics and how it would dovetail with other important initiatives such as enforcement, prevention and treatment.

Please keep us apprised of your progress and on behalf of our Members and Board of Directors we thank you for your leadership on this critical matter.

sincerely,



Bill Rempel
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Subject: Chronic Addiction Alternative Treatment initiative

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our 8,000 members, I want to commend you for exploring and pursuing an innovative approach to addressing this City's chronic open drug market and the resultant impact it has on our quality of life and our reputation as a safe city. It is certainly clear to us that "doing more of the same thing" is not working and there is a need to try something very different. Your idea merits serious consideration and dialogue with various stakeholders, and I thank you for giving us the opportunity to be briefed and being able to provide you with input.

In the upcoming weeks we want to introduce your idea to a joint meeting of two of our committees. The members will be asked to provide comments and formulate a policy direction for the Board's consideration. Charles has already made arrangements with David Holtzman for him to attend this meeting.

I am confident that the Board will be in a position within the next month to communicate where we stand on your idea.

Once again, we sincerely commend you and your team on your initiatives to address street disorder issues in our great City. We agree with your approach to deal with root causes of many of the challenges we face and hopefully improve the "quality of life" for many of our marginalized individuals.

In closing, we would welcome other opportunities to be consulted by you on other civic matters, if you so decide.

Sincerely,


Bill Rempel
President

