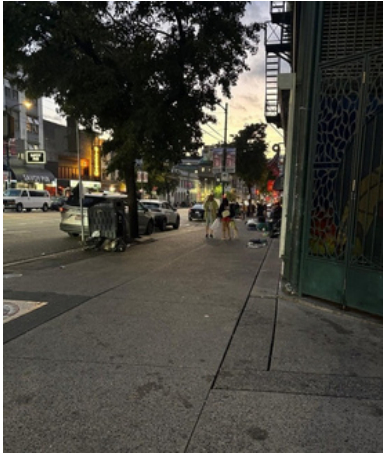




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For years, governments have spent significant public resources responding to homelessness, addiction, mental illness and poverty in the Downtown Eastside.

Yet the crisis continues.

Vancouver residents deserve to know where public money is going, whether programs are working, and what resources are still missing.

TEAM will establish a **Downtown Eastside Audit** to improve accountability for public spending and support the work of the Province's Downtown Eastside advisor, Larry Campbell.

The goal is straightforward: **measure what is being spent, measure the results, identify the gaps, and make sure resources are reaching the people who need them.**

TEAM will:

- **Request detailed audits of Downtown Eastside funding and outcomes** to determine whether public resources are being used effectively;
- **Review City spending and support in the Downtown Eastside**, including grants, programs, contracts and other municipal resources;
- **Measure needs against available resources** and publicly identify gaps in services and funding;
- **Review programs for effectiveness and value for money**, consistent with TEAM's commitment to stronger financial accountability at City Hall;
- **Work with the Province, federal government and other agencies** to identify their spending and responsibilities in the Downtown Eastside and secure the resources required to address unmet needs;
- **Improve coordination between governments and service agencies** so resources are used more effectively and unnecessary duplication is reduced; and
- **Report the findings publicly** so residents can see what is being spent, what results are being achieved and where further action is required.

The review should hear directly from **Downtown Eastside residents, Indigenous communities, people experiencing homelessness and addiction, people in recovery, local businesses, frontline organizations and service providers.**



ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability for Results



TEAM believes vulnerable people deserve effective support — and taxpayers deserve accountability for the money being spent.

Programs and services should be judged by whether they are improving outcomes for the people they are intended to help.

Where resources are inadequate, TEAM will press senior governments to provide them. Where programs are ineffective or poorly coordinated, TEAM will push for change.

The measure of success should not be how much government spends. It should be whether conditions in the Downtown Eastside — and the lives of the people who live there — are actually improving.



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