

**NANAIMO AREA  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
ASSOCIATION**

**An Overview  
December 2023**

# Our HISTORY

- Established in October 2022
- Registered as a BC Society in February 2023
  - 4 Board Directors
  - 20+ Paid Members
- 450+ social media contacts/followers

# Our MANDATE

**ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS TO PEACE, SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THEIR HOMES, PUBLIC SPACES, AND BUSINESSES IN NANAIMO.**

# Why NAPSA Exists

- Extreme rise in Violent Crime Severity Index since 2020.
- Escalation in open-air drug use, fires, arson, vandalism, theft, and random violence.
- Citizens are fed up feeling like prisoners in their own neighbourhoods.
- Citizens are being traumatized as they witness drug crimes, violence amongst street-entrenched, overdoses, and overdose deaths.

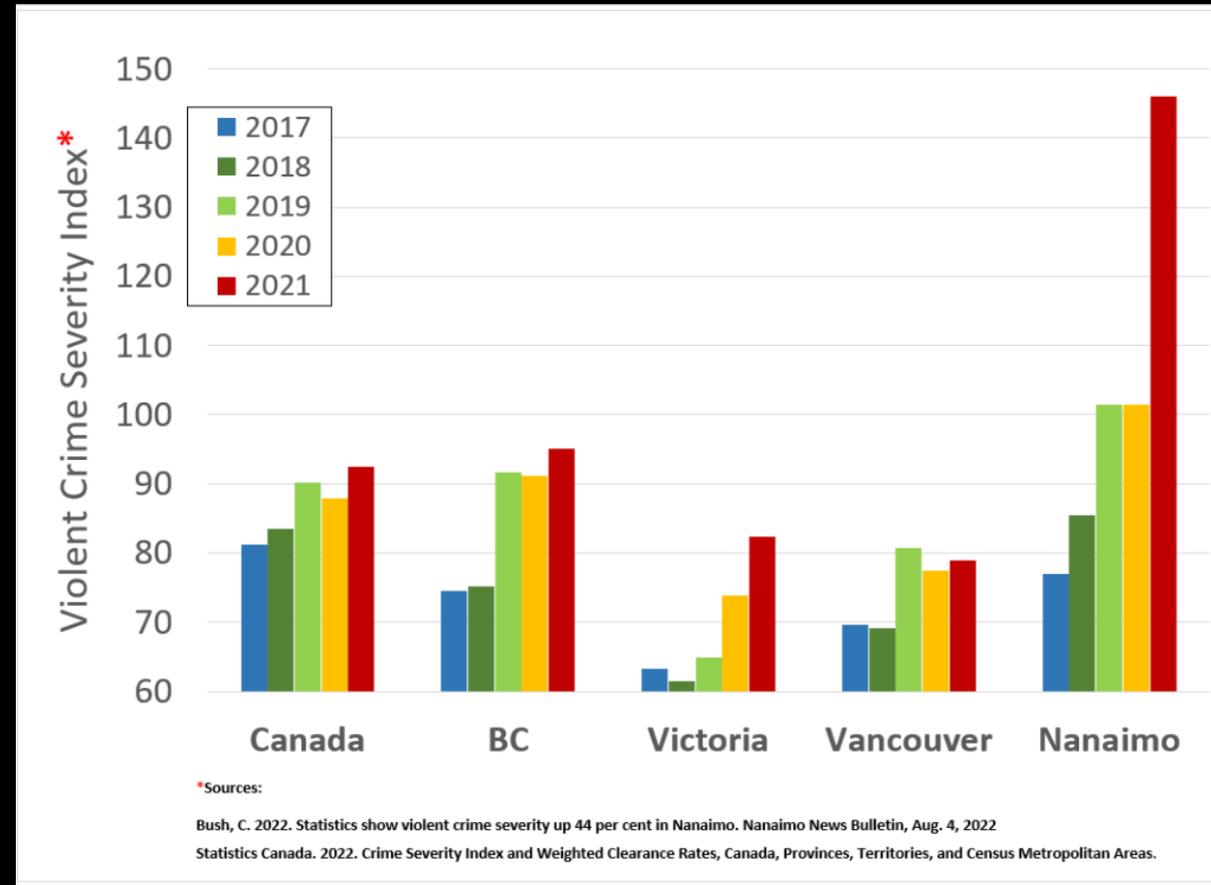


Figure 1. Crime Severity Statistics for Nanaimo compared to other jurisdictions, 2017 to 2021.

# WHAT WE WANT

- 1. For Nanaimo to be a safe city for young people, elderly, families, working people with diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.**
- 2. For all three levels of Government – Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Government to treat the overdose crisis like the Public Health & Safety EMERGENCY that it is.**
- 3. For Governments to recognize the intrinsically linked and overlapping social crises that are producing the current Public Health & Safety Emergency, and act in a coordinated, cooperative fashion across party-lines:**
  - Addictions and Mental Health**
  - Housing and Affordability**
  - Justice System and Law Enforcement**
- 4. For Nanaimo's MLAs and MP to recognize the need for public accountability and transparency in the non-profit industry and work towards de-escalating the crises rather than capitalizing on, and inducing, growing societal needs.**
- 5. For Nanaimo's MLAs to display visible, action-oriented leadership in getting what Nanaimo needs to improve public safety in all of Nanaimo and area.**

# Our Work

## Illustrating the Impact of Safe Consumption Sites on Neighbourhoods

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### City of Nanaimo declares Nicol Street harm-reduction site a nuisance property

Councillors lament lack of resources directed to NANDU peer-led overdose prevention tent

Greg Sakaki  
Jan 16, 2023 9:30 PM

The Nanaimo Area Network of Drug Users site in the 200 block of property. (News Bulletin file photo)

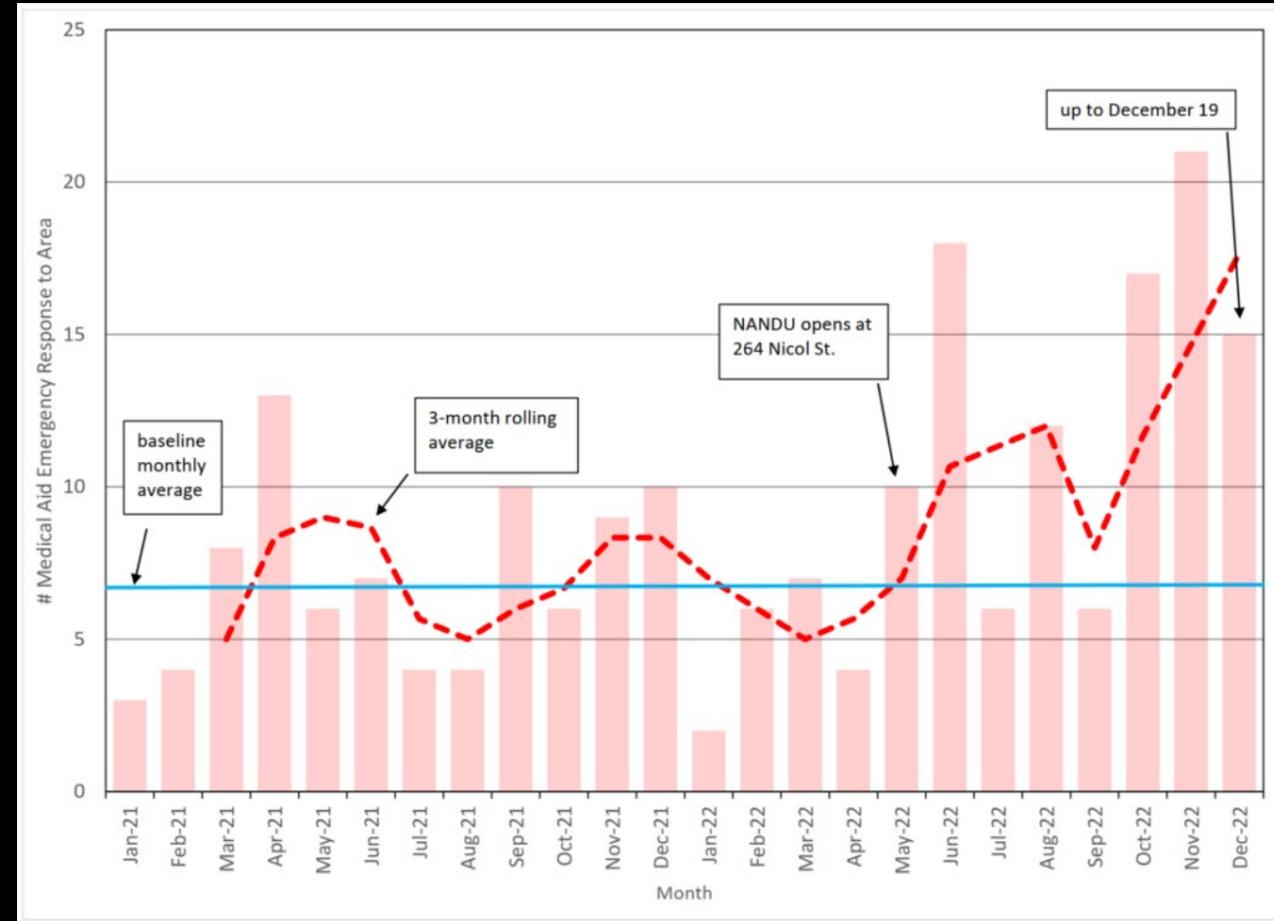


Figure 2. Monthly Nanaimo emergency response (medical aid) calls to the one city block radius of 264 Nicol St. since January 2021.

# Our Work

## Calling for Safety in our Neighbourhoods

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### Neighbours call for more action before Millstone River sees more encampments

Posted: Aug. 15, 2023 6:21PM



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### Nanaimo homeless camp is being dismantled — again

Neighbours have been calling for the removal of the camp, the site of two shooting in recent months

Jeff Bell  
Aug 2, 2023 5:45 AM

1 / 4 Tent in an encampment at the foot of a slope near the Millstone River in Nanaimo. VIA KAREN KUWICA

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A crowd of about 20 people gathered at Pearson Park on Terminal Ave. for a safety rally following another shooting last week along the Millstone River. (Ian Holmes/NanaimoNewsNOW)

COMMUNITY OUTRAGE By Ian Holmes

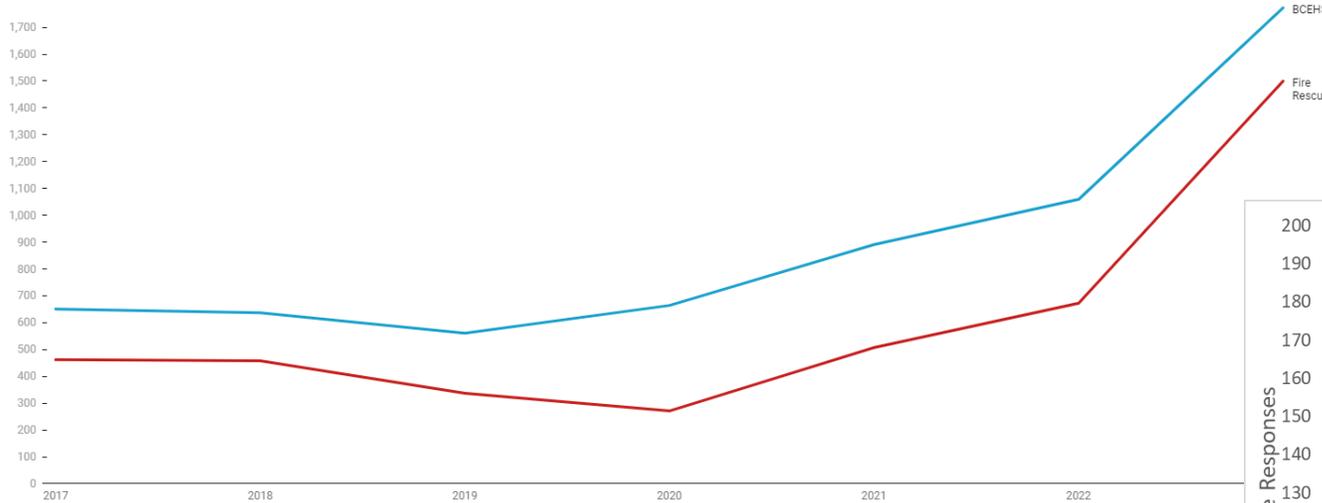
### Local residents want 'sense of safety and security back' following shooting along Millstone River

Jun 20, 2023 | 11:31 AM

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## Overdoses responded to in Nanaimo 2017-2023

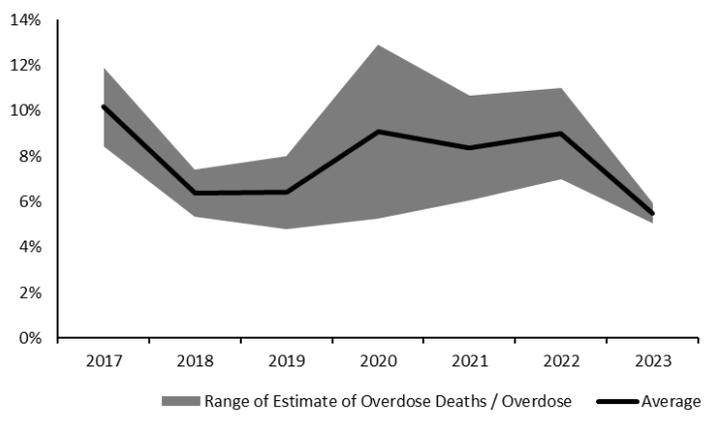
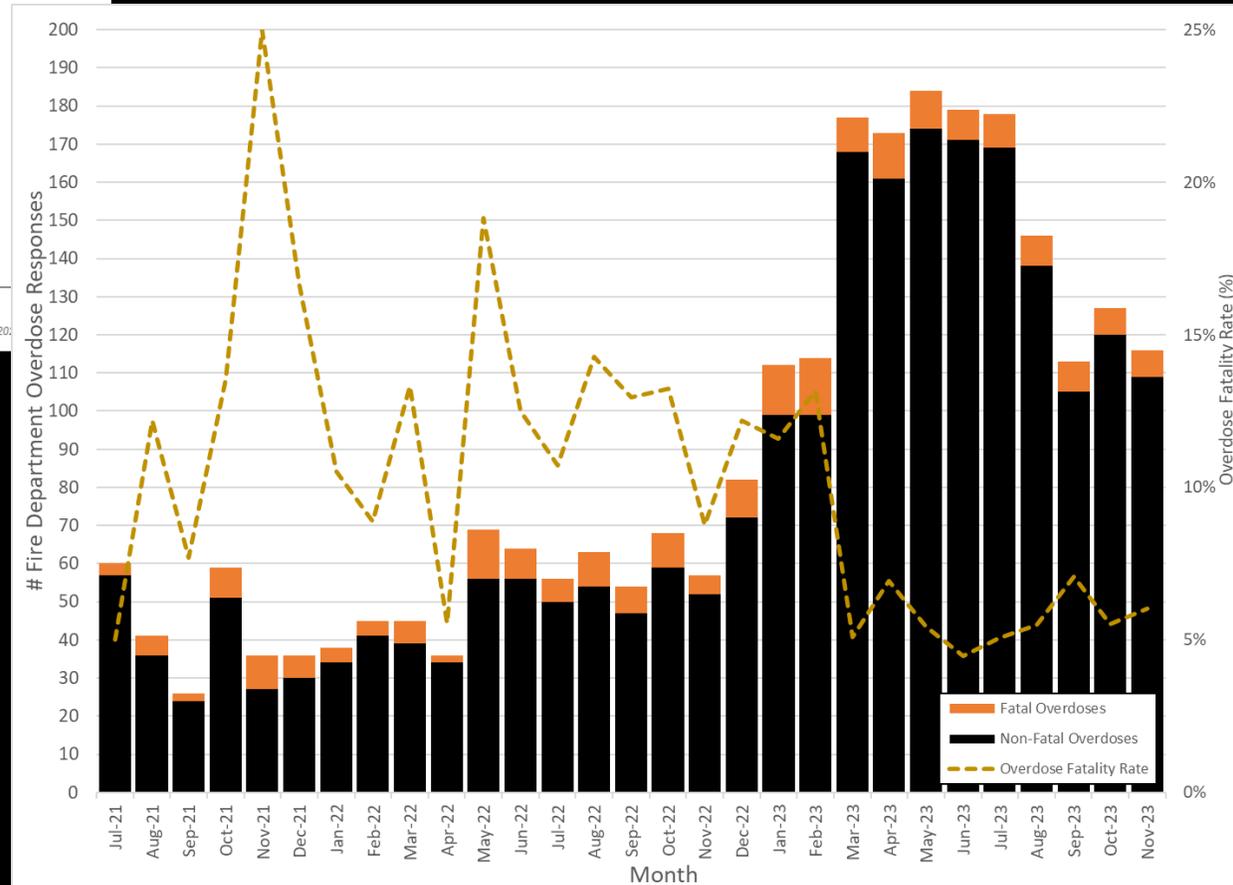
Number of medical calls that were overdoses responded to by Nanaimo Fire Rescue and BC Emergency Health Services 2017-2023.



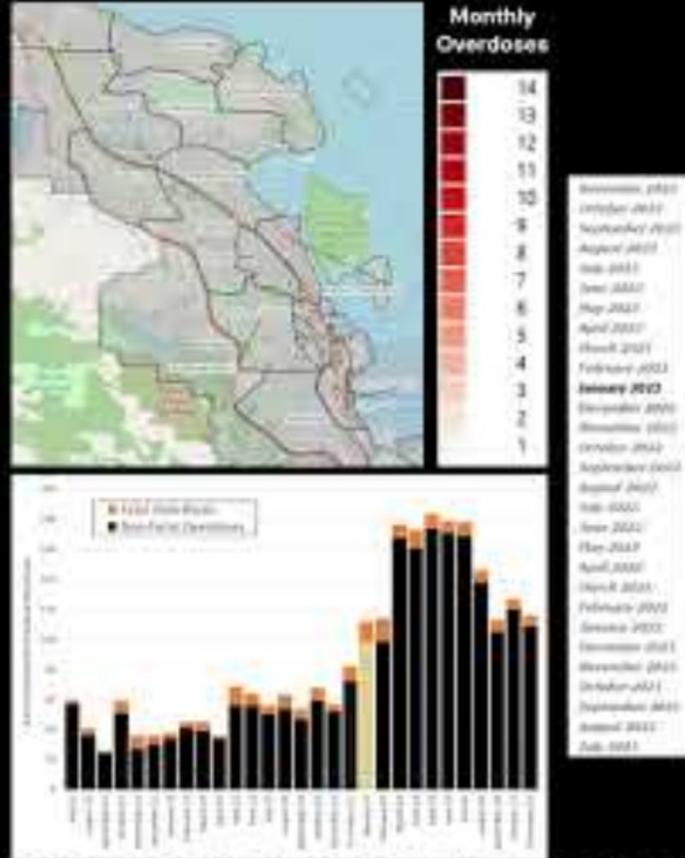
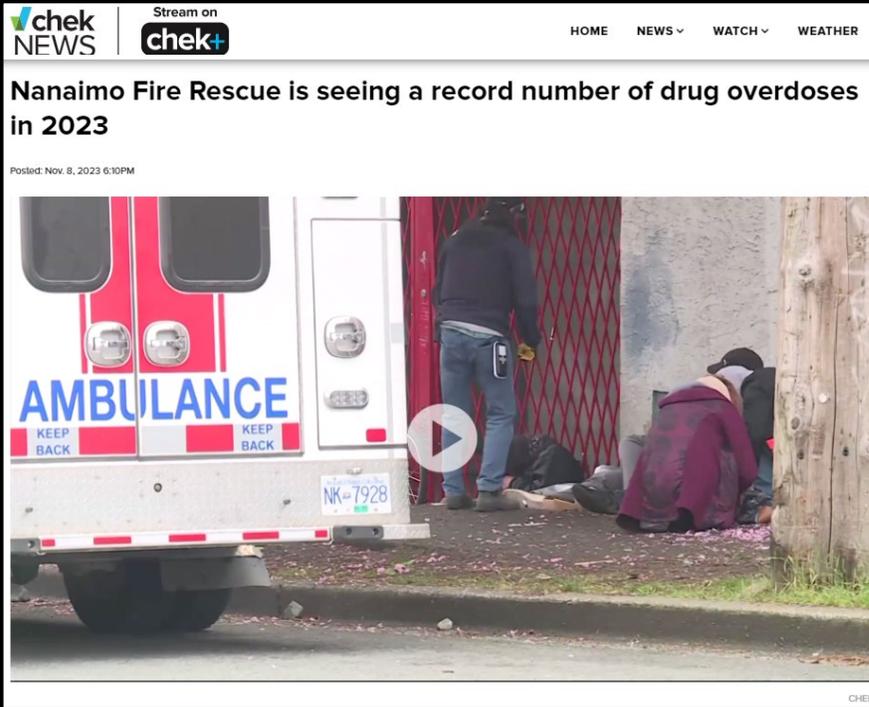
In 2018, there were some changes to the critical response model in the province that resulted in fire departments across BC going to fewer medical incidents. BCEHS data for 2023 is as of Nov. 8, 2023. Nanaimo Fire Rescue data for 2023 is as of Nov. 6, 2023.

Chart: Mick Sweetman / PHLY 101 7EM • Source: Nanaimo Fire Rescue • Get the Data • Created with Datawrapper

## Monitoring the Overdose Crisis in Nanaimo



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Monitoring the Overdose Crisis

The evolution of the overdose crisis in Nanaimo from July 1, 2021 to November 23, 2023

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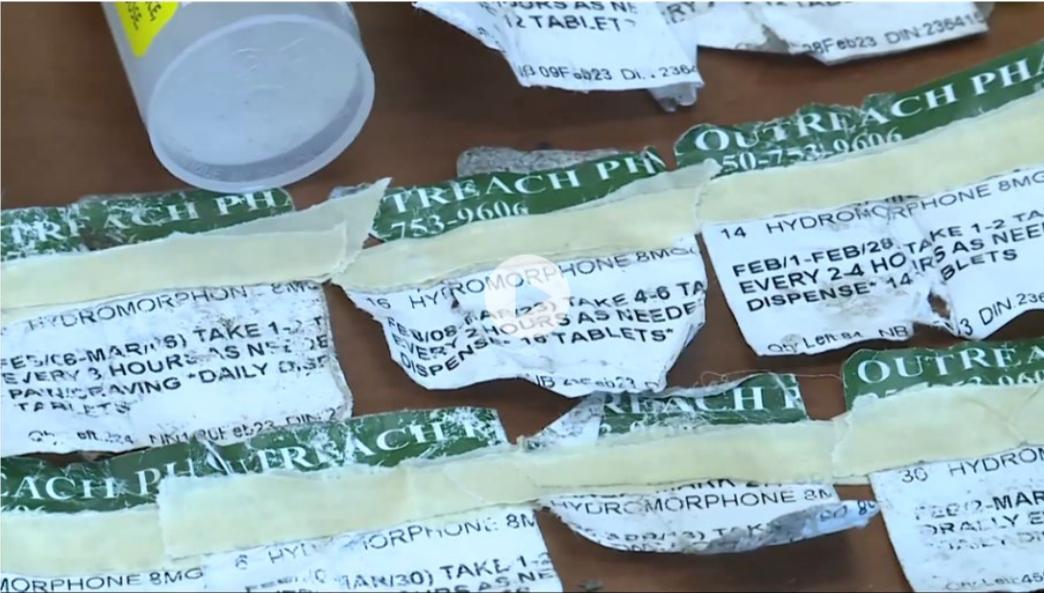
## Criminal Diversion of Safer Supply and Responsible Drug Policy

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### More than 80 prescription labels found near downtown Nanaimo pharmacy

Posted: Mar. 2, 2023 6:48PM | Last Updated: Mar. 2, 2023 7:02PM



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NATIONAL POST

**Addictions doctors urge feds to supervise hydromorphone or stop handing out free drugs**

*In their open letter, the doctors say there are unintended harms of safer supply. But other doctors argue the data suggest it can be helpful*

Tyler Dawson

Published Sep 29, 2023

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NATIONAL POST

**Adam Zivo: Doctors fed up with activists gaslighting them over 'safer supply'**

*35 addiction experts sign letter criticizing program that distributes hard drugs to addicts*

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## Holding All Levels of Government Accountable

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#### B.C. government setting up 12 'hubs' dedicated to targeting repeat violent offenders

Premier David Eby announces new approach outside Nanaimo Courthouse

 [Keri Yu](#)  
Apr 12, 2023 12:45 PM  
Updated Apr 12, 2023 5:02 PM



*Nanaimo Mayor Leonsrd Krog speaks with B.C. Premier David Eby outside Nanaimo Courthouse on Wednesday, April 12, before a government announcement about 12 new hubs dedicated to targeting repeat violent offenders. (Chris Bush/News Bulletin)*

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#### 39 repeat offenders identified in Nanaimo as part of province's 'hub' strategy

Initiative to target repeat violent offenders was announced in Nanaimo this past spring

 [Keri Yu](#)  
Sep 29, 2023 4:45 PM  
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*Nanaimo city council received a status report on the B.C. government's initiative to target violent, repeat offenders at the recent UBCM convention in Vancouver. (News Bulletin file photo)*

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#### Federal government proposes stricter bail system in new bill

Proposed law would make it harder for repeat offenders to be released on bail

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#### B.C. introduces bill to ban illicit drug use in many public spaces

Harm Reduction Nurses Association president said he is 'disappointed but not surprised' by changes

 [Emily Vance](#) · CBC News · Posted: Oct 04, 2023 8:22 PM PDT | Last Updated: October 5



# Thank You

Questions/Comments?

## What does safety in Nanaimo mean to you?

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