

Activities in BC







Working with local governments to support them in **integrating** a **health lens** to their community planning projects and policies.

Internal capacity building, organizational learning and strategic planning.





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Structure



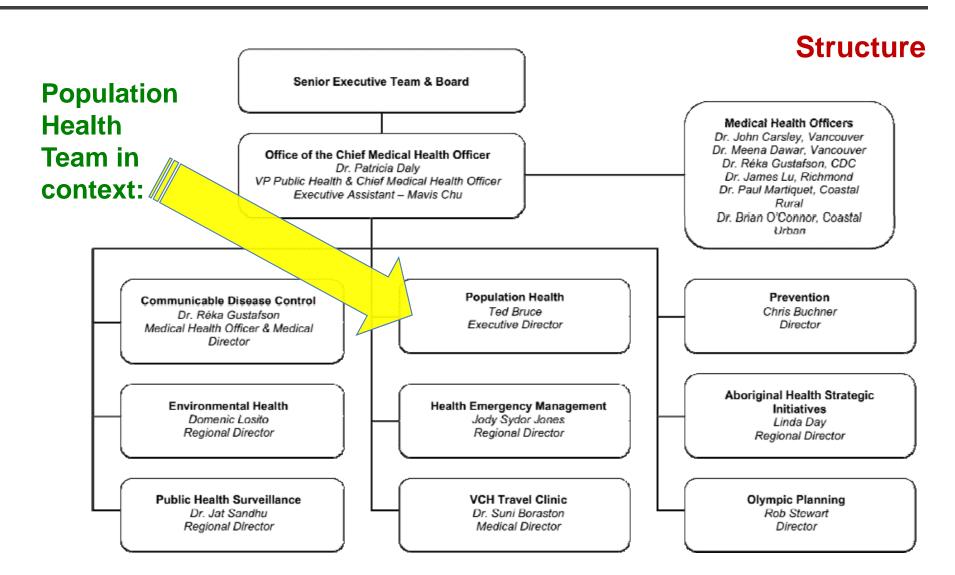
Population Health Team:



- •Reports to the Chief Medical Health Officer
- •Works with a variety of partner organizations to influence the creation of healthy public policies that support the health and well-being of our communities.



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Activities

1) District of North Vancouver Official Community Plan

- Memorandum of understanding with District of North Vancouver
- Health input and influence in each step of the plan-making process
- Involvement with different audiences municipal staff, community





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2) Supporting Richmond's review of the City's Official Community Plan ...

- •Medical Health Officer 'call to participation' in the planning process (news article, etc.)
- •Public health perspective on public input and key issues in the plan for reference on the City's website discussion forum for the plan: LetsTALKrichmond.ca
- •Co facilitated a planning policy session with local social service agencies
- Our participation is evolving with the planning process





Activities in BC : Joint Project – VCH & FH





Activities

 Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health have provided advice on the Regional Growth Strategy

land use → health outcomes

• Knowledge exchange project that will link researchers, planners, health authorities and others (mentioned by Fraser Health earlier)







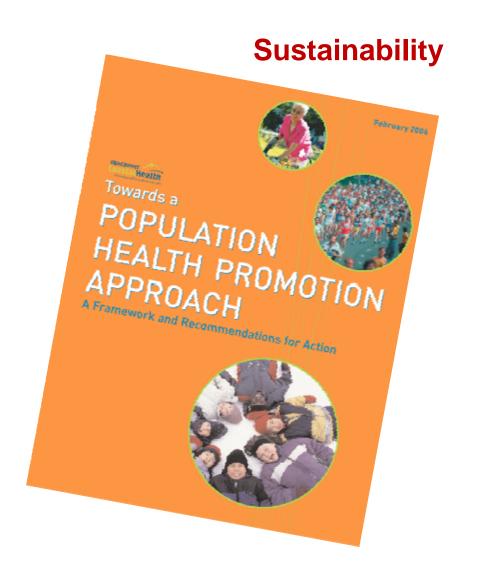
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How to sustain over the longer-term?

4 strategies...

- 1. Leadership
- 2. Partnership
- 3. Advocacy
- 4. Policy development





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Lessons Learned

- •Different audiences: elected, public and professional staff (planners). We need to strategically determine 'the time' for each.
- •The scope of feedback is challenging.

 What are our most important key messages?
- •Communities are using environmental lens. We are adding health and equity.
- •The Public values health.
 How to best work with that?

