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**Downtown Community Court  
211 Gore Avenue  
Vancouver BC  
V6A 0B6**

Website:

[www.communitycourt.bc.ca](http://www.communitycourt.bc.ca)



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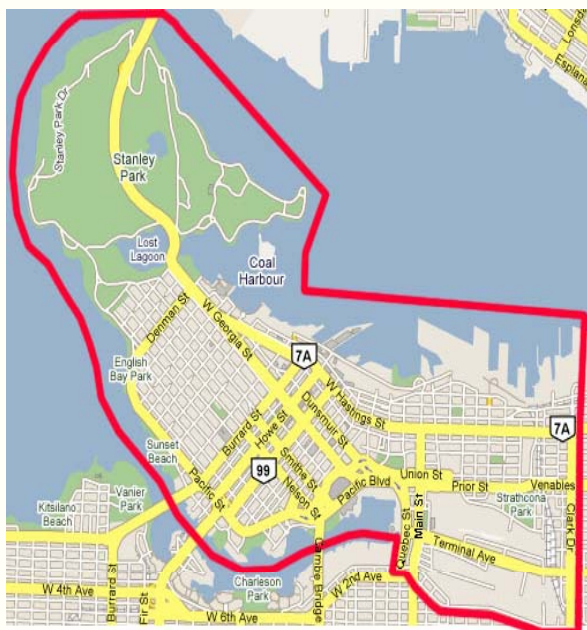


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## Geographic Area



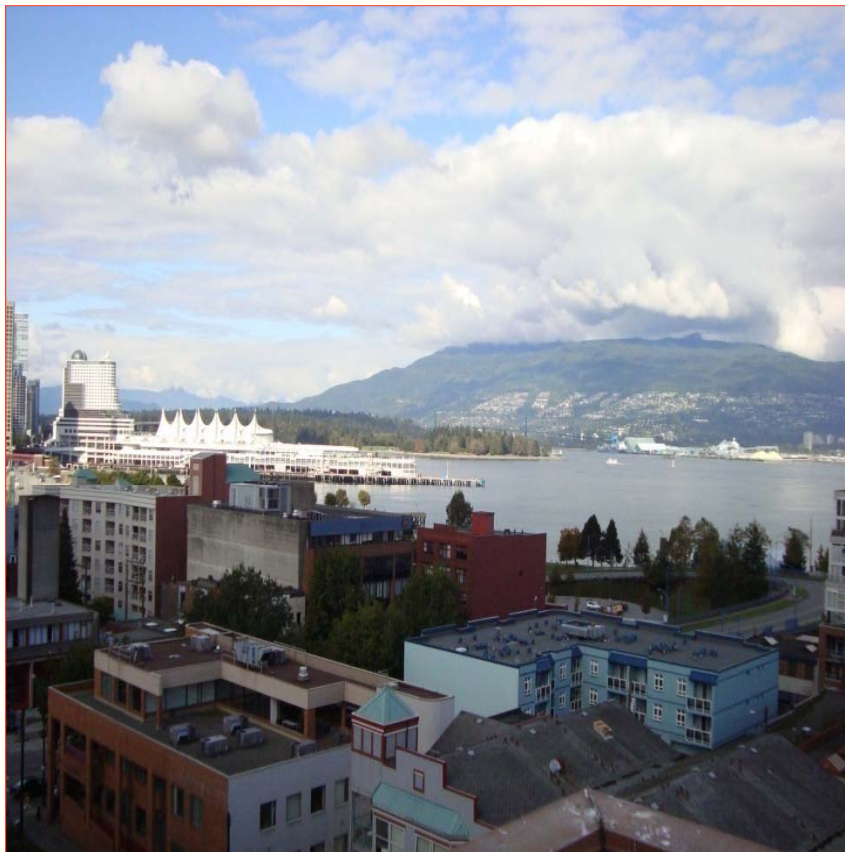
- The court processes approximately 2,000 accused per year
- The court responds to a broad range of crimes, including:
  - theft
  - breaking into cars
  - assault
  - drug possession
  - mischief



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## Community Court Team

- Defence
- Crown
- Community Corrections
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- Forensic Psychiatric Nurse
- Native Case Worker
- Vancouver Police
- Watari (Non-profit society )
- Employment Assistance Workers
- Court Clerks
- Sheriffs
- Victim Services
- BC Housing
- RainCity Housing Outreach





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## **TRIAGE – Mornings at DCC**

Arrest	In Custody – Same day Out of Custody – Timely manner
7:00 AM- 8:30 AM	*Crown reviews files (DCC charge approval) *Defence interviews 'in custodies' *Crown identifies 'in custodies' coming to DCC  *PO circulates identified 'in custodies' to VCH/FLN/EAW/VPD  *Completion Collateral Information Screen
8:30 AM- 9:00 AM	TRIAGE MEETING *Defence and Crown meet VCH/FLN/Victim Services





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## COLLATERAL INFORMATION REPORT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### MHSD

- No history
- I.A.  PPMB  PWD
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Last Contact \_\_\_\_\_
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### VCH

- No history
- URT \_\_\_\_\_
- Mental Health Care Teams
- Detox (last admission) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospitalization \_\_\_\_\_
- Addiction Counselling \_\_\_\_\_
- MPA
- BCMHA
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### VPD

- No history  Chronic Offender
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### CORRECTIONS CS:

- No history  Inactive
- Active Court Team or other \_\_\_\_\_
- PO \_\_\_\_\_
- Bail \_\_\_\_\_
- Pro \_\_\_\_\_
- CSO \_\_\_\_\_
- Last breach \_\_\_\_\_
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Aboriginal

### FORENSIC

- No history
- Assessment \_\_\_\_\_
- Outpatient \_\_\_\_\_
- Last Contact \_\_\_\_\_
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_





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## **FOLLOW UP Assessments:**

### Forensic Liaison Nurse

- \*Mental Health Brief Intake Assessment
- \*Mental Health Assessment and Case Plan

### Vancouver Coastal Health Nurse

- \*Addictions Brief Intake Assessment
- \*BCMHA Intake/Liaison on all referrals
- \*Drug Treatment Court
- \*VCH Services

### Probation Officer

- \*Alternative Measures
- \*Court Reviews
- \*Drug Treatment Court

### Native Courtworker

- \*Alternative Measures
- \*Court Reviews

### Victim Support Worker

- \*Follow up with victim



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## **Mental Health Program**

- Forensic Liaison Nurse
- Probation Officer
- Watari System Negotiator
- VCH Community Care Teams
- VCH Addiction Clinics
- BC Housing



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**MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

- Crown refers accused with mental health concerns to Forensic liaison nurse (FLN) for intake
- FLN interviews accused (brief intake assessment )
- Accused released on bail
- Case adjourned for 20 Days
- Supervision by Probation Officer
- Case Plan developed (Watari, PO and FLN)
- FLN submits assessment report to Crown within 20 working days
- Crown accepts or rejects plan or adjourns for further progress report





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### **CASE MANAGEMENT TEAMS**

- 4 Probation Officers
- 4 VCH Justice Liaison
- 2 Employment and Assistance Worker
- 1 VPD Constable
- 1 Native Courtworker

#### **Shared Support :**

- VPD Chronic Offender Unit
- BC Housing Worker/ Raincity Outreach
- Victim Support Workers
- Watari system negotiator
- CTHS (VCH Housing Supports)



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## **CASE MANAGEMENT CLIENT PROFILE:**

- 1) Vulnerable urban, socially marginalized population in need of support
  - Downtown Community Court catchment area
  - Frequent contact with justice system
  - Addiction and concurrent disorders
  - Co-morbidities with complex physical illnesses especially neurological and mental conditions
  - Low retention in existing treatment programs, frequent flyers
  - Limited or no access to care
- 2) Chronic Offender
  - Downtown Community Court catchment area
  - Frequent contact with Justice System
  - Identified by VPD Chronic Offender Program



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**Key Court Process and Offender Outcome Facts**

	<b>Sept. 2008 – July 2010</b>
<b># of new individuals who appeared in DCC</b>	<b>3,760</b>
<b># of court cases resolved in DCC</b>	<b>5,360</b>
<b># of individuals who resolved one (or more) court cases in DCC</b>	<b>2,430</b>



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**Key Court Process and Offender Outcome Facts**

	<b>Sept. 2009 - Sept. 2010</b>
# of new individuals who appeared in DCC	<b>2,703</b>
# who attended DCC Programs	<b>1,272</b>
# who attended VCH information sessions	<b>378</b>
# mental health reports (Forensic)	<b>197</b>
# needs assessments (VCH community nurse)	<b>206</b>
# of individuals who received shelter housing	<b>190</b>
Community service hours	<b>7,911</b>





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## **DCC PROGRAMS (1)**

### **Vancouver Coastal Health**

- Impact of Substance Abuse
- Harm Reduction
- Wholeness/ Life Skills
- Community Resources
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating (cooking classes)
- Problems with Alcohol
- Relapse Prevention
- Individual client interviews
- Addiction and Harm Reduction
- Aboriginal Wellness Program – Cultural Sessions
- Acupuncture

### **Elizabeth Fry Society**

- Crime & Consequences Seminar
- Women's Support Group
- "Just Art" for Women

### **Family Services Of Greater Vancouver**

- Money Skills Program
- Making Powerful Choices



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## **DCC PROGRAMS (2)**

**Native Courtworker & Counselling** Association - Alcohol & Drug Counselling

**UBC Learning Exchange** - Occupational Therapy & Nutrition Programming

**Vancouver Eastside Education Enrichment Society** - DCC Education and Employment Program

**VCH & Corrections** - SMART Recovery Program

**Coast Mental Health** - Peer to Peer Support Group

**Strathcona Mental Health Team** – Yoga

**Crime Addicts Anonymous**

**Theatre Terrific** – Theatre Group

**First Baptist Church** - ABCs of moving Inside

**MHSD** – Income Assistance

**BC Housing** – Emergency Shelter

**Rain City housing** – Homeless Outreach



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**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COURT PROGRAMS  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 10:30 Elizabeth Fry - Women's Support Program/ Shoplifters Program for Women RM#2 11:00 Native Court Workers – Alcohol And Drug Counselling RM# 1 1:30 – SMART RM#3	2 1:00 Aboriginal Wellness Program RM# 1 1-4:00 VEEES 1:00 Crime Addicts Anonymous RM#3	3 10:30 Harm Reduction RM# 3 1:30 SMART RM#3 2:00–5:00 Acupuncture RM# 1
6 HOLIDAY	7 1-4:00 Acupuncture RM#1 1:30 – SMART RM#3	8 10:30 Elizabeth Fry - Women's Support Program/ Shoplifters Program for Women RM#2 11:00 Native Court Workers – Alcohol And Drug Counselling RM#1 1:30 - SMART RM#3	9 10:30 Healthy Eating RM#1 1-4:00 VEEES 1:00 Crime Addicts Anonymous RM#3 1:00–4:00 Acupuncture RM#1	10 10:30 Problems with Alcohol (Women Only) RM# 3 1:30 SMART RM# 3
13 9:00-12:00 Individual Client Interviews RM#2 1 – 3:00 Individual Client Interviews RM#2	14 10:30 Impact of Substance Abuse RM#3 1-4:00 Acupuncture RM#1 1:30 – SMART RM#3	15 10:30 Elizabeth Fry - Women's Support Program/Shoplifters Program for Women RM#2 11:00 Native Court Workers – Alcohol And Drug Counselling RM#1 1:30 – SMART RM#3	16 1:00 Crime Addicts Anonymous RM#3 1-4:00 VEEES 10:30 Peer to Peer RM#1 2:00–4:00 Acupuncture RM#1	17 10:30 Relapse Prevention RM# 3 1:30 SMART RM#3
20	21 10:30 Community Resources RM# 3 1:30 – SMART RM# 3	22 10:30-1 Money Skills(2 day class 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 classes) 10:30 Elizabeth Fry - Women's Support Program/Shoplifters Program for Women RM#2 1:30 – SMART RM#3 *Cheque Issue*	23 10:30-1 Money Skills (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 classes) 1:00 Crime Addicts Anonymous RM#3 1-4:00 VEEES	24 9:30-11:30 ABC's of Leaving the Streets RM#1 1:30 SMART RM# 3 2:00–5:00 Acupuncture RM#1
27 9:00-12:00 Individual Client Interviews RM#2 11 – 1:00 Connecting With Culture RM#1 1 – 3:00 Individual Client Interviews RM#2	28 10:30 Emotional Well Being RM# 3 1-4:00 Acupuncture RM#1 1:30 – SMART RM#3	29 10:30 Elizabeth Fry - Women's Support Program/Shoplifters Program for Women RM#2 11:00 Native Court Workers – Alcohol And Drug Counselling RM#1 1:30 – SMART RM#3 12:00 Elizabeth Fry-Crime and Consequences RM#2	30 10:30 Nutrition RM#1 1:00 Crime Addicts Anonymous RM#3 1-4:00 VEEES 1:00–4:00 Acupuncture RM#1	



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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE (1)**

- Repay the community for harm done
- Be served in the community where offence was committed
- Begin immediately
- Be for a relatively short number of hours
- Use the opportunity to link the offender to services



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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE (2)**

### **Outside Agencies:**

- Carnegie Community Center
- Aboriginal Front Door
- Salvation Army
- Lookout Emergency Aid Society
- Downtown Eastside Women's Center
- Coast Mental Health
- First United Church
- Gathering Place
- Raincity Housing
- The Dug Out
- Gallery Gachet
- Mission Possible
- The Door is Open
- Vancouver Food Bank
- Vancouver Japanese Language School/ Japanese Hall
- Strathcona Business Improvement Association

### **DCC Street Crew**

A supervised work crew performs the following work in DCC catchment:

- micro cleaning, leaf collection, weeding, window washing, graffiti removal



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## Partners in the Business Community...

- Powell Street Bean Around the World



- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia



- Cambie Malone's Group



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## More Partners in the Business Community...

- Telus (Donated "Comfort Kits")



- Downtown Costco, Terminal Ave Home Depot and Dan.D.Pak



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## Community Court Partners

- The Law Foundation 
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver 
- City of Vancouver





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