

Withdrawal Management Centre

There is an urgent need in Vancouver for expanded, state-of-the-art withdrawal management services.

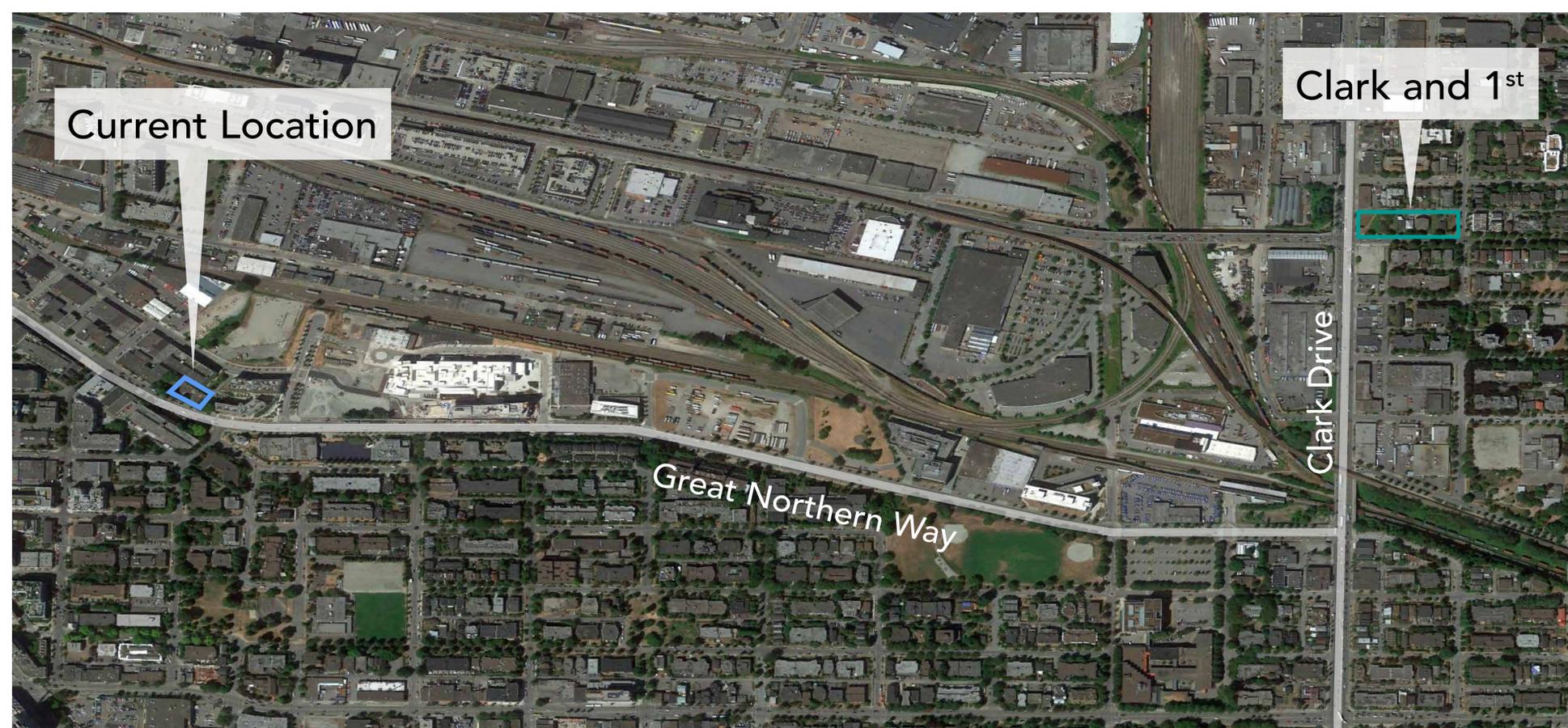


The current Vancouver Detox Centre at 377 East 2nd Avenue is undersized and is no longer able to meet the growing demand for withdrawal management programs in Vancouver. The existing facility has failing infrastructure, spaces that do not meet minimum criteria and a facility design that does not support the best practices of care. Securing a replacement for this facility has long been a priority for Vancouver Coastal Health.

"I have been the principal at St. Francis Xavier School for the past nine years and have never had to respond to concerns that came from being in close proximity to the Vancouver Detox Centre."

Principal Fader, St. Francis Xavier School

The existing Vancouver Detox Centre on East 2nd Avenue is located approximately 10 blocks from Clark and 1st. The current facility has operated in this location for over 30 years and is in close proximity to a number of schools and campuses, commercial properties, and a dense residential neighbourhood. There have been no reported issues from the surrounding community.



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The proposed new withdrawal management centre will include a range of trauma-informed, culturally-appropriate services such as in-patient and out-patient withdrawal management, sobering, and at-home withdrawal management all offered in one location.

Throughout the application process, Vancouver Coastal Health will continue to engage with Vancouver residents and community groups, particularly those who have used withdrawal services or who face barriers to service, to inform the facility design.

Preliminary plans for the withdrawal management centre include:



Treatment space

54,896 sq ft of state-of-the-art treatment space.



20 transitional beds

20 transitional beds for those transitioning to longer-term care options such as residential treatment programs.



Trauma-informed care

Evidence-based, trauma-informed care and services such as residential and out-patient withdrawal management.



On-demand at-home treatment

The centre will include the START program which is part of a larger province-wide strategy to meet the need for more home-based withdrawal management care.



Internal vehicular access

Internal vehicular servicing and loading to mitigate traffic impacts and disruption to neighbours.



Academic teaching and learning centre

Academic teaching and learning centre to allow opportunities for medical professionals and academic researchers to build and transfer knowledge for the best possible addiction treatment.