

PART 5—HOMELESS CHRONIC ALCOHOLICS

D. Recommendations

- 1. I recommend that the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the provincial Ministry of Housing and Social Development, and the Aboriginal community jointly develop a comprehensive response to the needs of homeless chronic alcoholics within the city of Vancouver. This would include (but not be limited to) the following components:**
 - a civilian-operated program for attending to chronic alcoholics who are incapacitated in a public place,**
 - a civilian-operated sobering centre,**
 - an enhanced civilian-based detoxification program,**
 - the provision of permanent low-barrier housing designed for the specific needs of chronic alcoholics, which would offer (if needed) palatable alcohol substitution and managed alcohol programs, and**
 - the provision of community-based, multidisciplinary assertive community treatment services.**
- 2. I recommend that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint a highly respected third party, knowledgeable about the issues but independent of any of the interests involved, to assume an overall leadership role in the development of the response.**
- 3. I recommend that the provincial Ombudsman—if the Ombudsman is agreeable—monitor progress of the comprehensive response for a three-year period and on an annual basis make a special report to the Legislature and comment publicly on progress made on this initiative.**