Municipalities and the Opioid Crisis

What they are doing. What needs to be done

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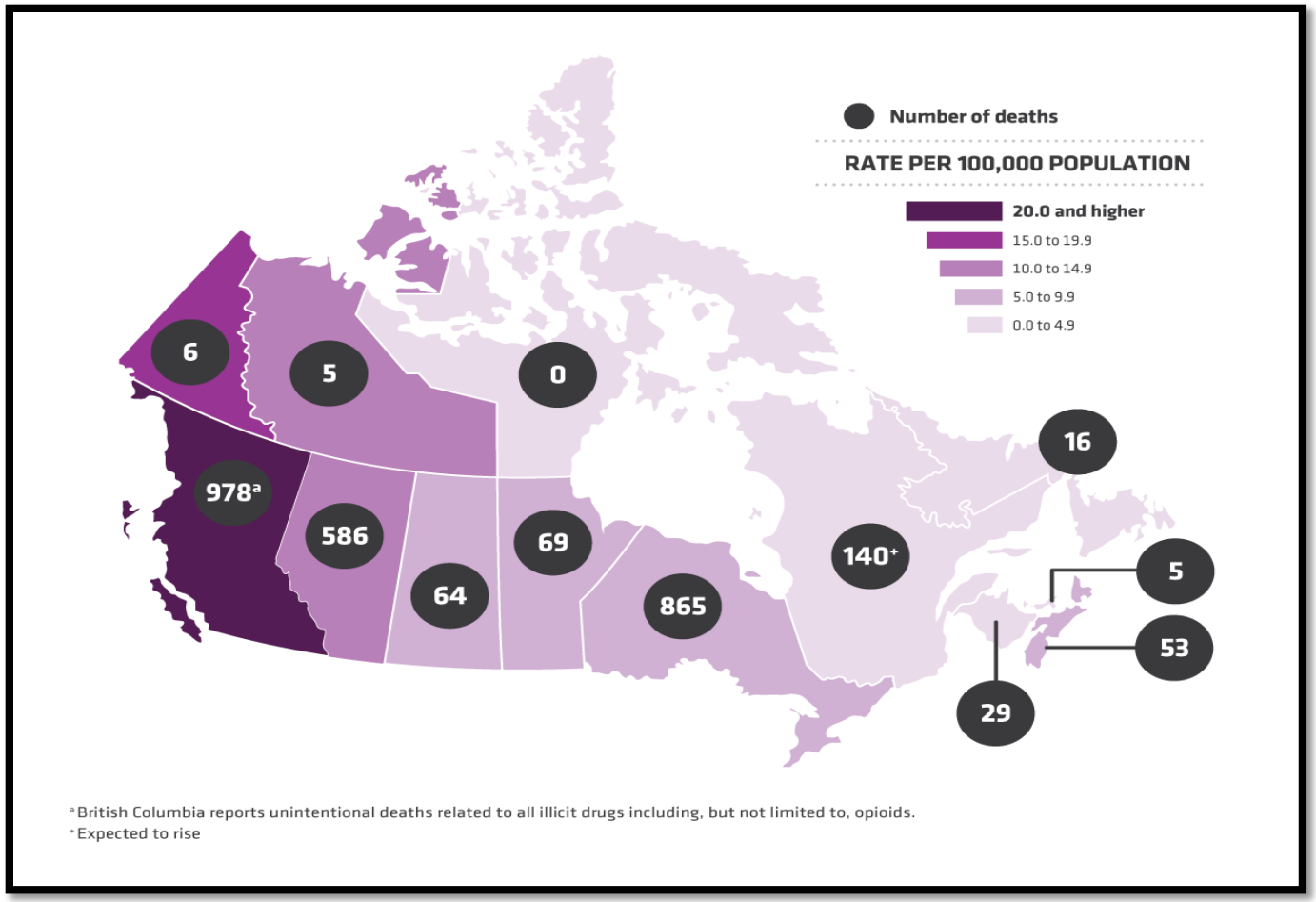
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Overview

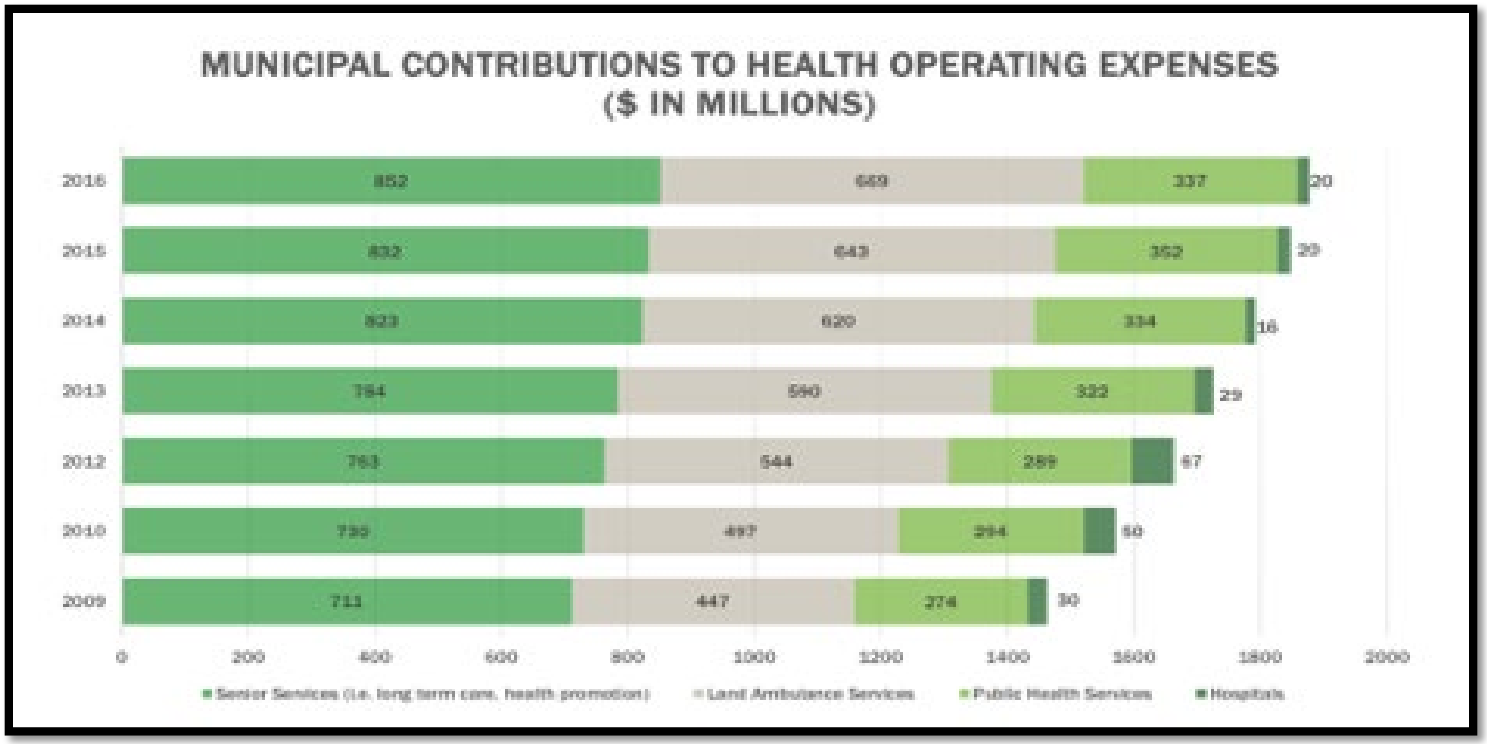
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The Scope of the Problem



The Burden on Municipalities



Municipal Action So Far

- Outreach
  - Provision of services to people who cannot access services in fixed locations
  - Overdose Monitoring and Alert Response Systems

Municipal Action So Far

- Harm Reduction
  - Needle Exchange
  - Naloxone distribution
  - Rapid Access Addiction Medicine
  - Supervised Consumption
  - Supportive Housing

Municipal Action So Far

- Law Enforcement and Justice
  - *Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act*
  - Diversion
  - Regional cooperation and opioid task forces

Provincial / Federal Response

- Ontario
  - Delisting high-strength formulations
  - Developing evidence-based standards for health care providers on appropriate opioid prescribing
  - Funding supervised injection services and overdose prevention sites
  - Drug testing pilots

Provincial / Federal Response

- Canada
  - Better informing Canadians about the risks of opioids
  - Facilitating access to treatment for rural and remote First Nations communities
  - Supporting supervised consumption sites

Future Recommendation

- **Multi Casualty Incidents**
  - Music festivals
  - Large scale drug contamination

Future Recommendation

- **Opioid training initiatives**
  - Festival staff, security staff (parking garages) and municipal outdoor staff

Future Recommendation

- **Making the Case for Supervised Consumption**
  - Broader community benefits such as reducing needles in public places

Future Recommendation

- **Opioid replacement therapy**
  - Currently no opioid replacement therapy as part of residential treatment

Future Recommendation

- **Real-time overdose surveillance and monitoring systems**
  - Identify the presence of toxic substances in the drug market and alert the public

Future Recommendation

- **Drug checking programs**
  - Enable people to test illicit drugs for the presence of toxic contaminants and adulterants
  - Fentanyl has been identified in a host of other substances

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Between

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Plaintiff

and

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