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Hello Commissioners,

Please find below this week's update regarding the work of the City and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation in responding to the encampment in Strathcona Park.

### **Work in the park**

- The West side and north east sections of the park remain clear.
- Last week, staff from Vancouver Fire Rescue Service, Park Rangers, Engineering Services, DBL, VPD conducted several walk-throughs of the encampment to ensure compliance with the Fire Chief's Order. Staff focused on removing debris from the oval and items that posed a risk to life safety including propane tanks and wood were removed. The abatement work will continue this week with a particular focus on larger tents and structures in the oval.
- The City's Outreach team continues to be in the park engaging with people and supporting BC Housing to help people prepare to move out of the park and into accommodation. It is anticipated that moves will begin in earnest later this week and BC Housing will be posting regular updates on [their website](#) including the number of people who have moved from the park into accommodation.
- Park Rangers and Corporate Security staff continue to monitor Strathcona Park and other priority parks across the City to reduce the risk of new encampments forming at other locations.

### **Accommodation options**

- Over the last week, BC Housing has been offering people in the park number of accommodation options, including the Patricia Hotel, the Ramada on West Pender, the Plaza of Nations shelter and the Holiday Inn.
- More accommodation will become available in the next few weeks as BC Housing are working to provide additional SRO rooms and renovations of the two new shelters remain on schedule.

### **RV enforcement**

- Following three weeks of notices, Parking Enforcement Officers began ticketing non-compliant RVs that were parked in the area of the park last week. The majority of the RVs and large vehicles have now moved with some owners moving their vehicles and others being towed. Abandoned vehicles that have been towed are being stored for free for up to 30 days by the Park Rangers, Outreach and the PEOs continue to work with the owners of the remaining vehicles to support them to move.

### **Community conversations**

- Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation staff are planning engagement activities for youth in the neighbourhood. They also have organized meetings to hear from

community garden groups and to follow up with local residents.

- We will issue the next update to the local community on Thursday and will share a copy with you.

We will continue to update you on any new developments related to Strathcona Park.

Regards,

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