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Subject: Explosion - 1400 Block Granville St

Mayor and Council,

I am writing to advise regarding a large underground explosion that occurred within the past 2 hours on the 1400 Block of Granville St (underneath the north end of the Granville Bridge). VFRS and VPD are on scene, along with staff from Hydro and Fortis. At this time, the explosion does not appear to have been the result of an intentional act, although the cause has not been determined.

The explosion caused extensive damage to the sidewalk. Two vehicles were also damaged severely; one from fire emanating from an underground vent and the second by concrete pavers displaced by the blast. Thankfully, I understand there were no injuries.

Traffic is closed eastbound on Pacific as crews continue to investigate.

I will keep you posted regarding any further detail.

Best,
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