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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Going forward, we will be providing you with weekly updates every Monday regarding the ongoing work in Strathcona Park.

City of Vancouver, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and BC Housing have begun preparing the site in anticipation of the arrival of the warming tent and hygiene supports that are scheduled for installation later this week. To enable the smooth installation of these services, the Streets team oversaw the relocation of 10 RVs that were parked on Raymur last week which has created space for the washroom and shower trailers and the warming tent. We will be issuing updates to both local business and residents to ensure they are aware of the work that is taking place in the park and understand our rationale for installing these services and BC Housing will be providing an update to campers. Staff from Engineering and ACCS have also done direct outreach to a representative of Produce Row to discuss the installation timeline and identify ways to minimize impact to businesses.

The Park Operations team undertook important work late last week with a significant amount of graffiti removal from a number of structures inside Strathcona Park including the caretaker's facility and both the men's and women's washrooms. The work took place on Friday and has enhanced the look of these structures in the park.

Today the Park Rangers will be supporting staff from the Portland Hotel Society (PHS) in distributing a fire education pamphlet to people who are sleeping in the park to spread awareness of safe practices fire prevention.

This week the Park Operations team will be focused on continued cleanup of the park, with particular attention being paid to the west side of the park and the oval within the encampment area.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email Sandra Singh at Sandra.singh@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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