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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please find a weekly update regarding the Strathcona Park encampment below:

- **Activation of spaces**

City staff are still awaiting confirmation of operating funding for 2400 Kingsway Motel, Jericho Hostel and two new shelter spaces from BC Housing. In an interview with CBC Early Edition on Thursday, Minister Eby said that it is the Province's goal to move people out of the park by the end of April, therefore we hope this is an indication that funding is forthcoming.

In mid-December, Council approved staff moving ahead with renovations to 875 Terminal in advance of operating budget confirmation. The City will be issuing a notification postcard for a 60-bed shelter at 875 Terminal to the local community by the end of this week and we hope to have this space ready by mid-March.

- **Sanitation management**

Debris cleanup in the park continues this week with the peer-led group placing debris in large piles near the perimeter (curb) of the park. Park Board and the City sanitation team continue to remove garbage from the park perimeter daily and since October, more than 70 tonnes of debris and garbage has been removed from Strathcona Park.

- **Installation of hygiene facilities**

BC Housing funded temporary services are now in operation: Two warming tents, one large for general population and one smaller for anyone experiencing any cold or flu symptoms, are open for use as well as the additional washrooms and showers.

- **Fire response**

VFRS were called to the park for an emergency incident last week in which a person was injured but on the whole there has been a decline in the number of calls made to VFRS regarding the park.

- **Media and messaging**

In addition to Minister Eby's interview on Thursday, Councillor Fry spoke to Early Edition on Wednesday and the Mayor and Park Board Chair both did interviews about the park with On the Coast on Friday.

Staff are working on some proposed key messages that Council can use moving forward based on Council's directions and operationalization of it.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,
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