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Good Afternoon Mayor and Council,

This email is to advise of a fire incident at Strathcona Park at 1:30 this morning.

VFRS advised that there was a tent fire at Strathcona Park which was started by candles. A 65 year old male suffered 1st and 2nd degree burns on his legs and arm and was taken to hospital. Fire and Police attended.

VFRS had provided extinguishers and they were used to address the fire, however the tent was destroyed. Staff are meeting onsite Monday to remind camp leadership and those sleeping in the park of safety, and VFRS will be doing a walk , and weekly, to remove unsafe items such as propane tanks.

Staff are also reaching out to BC Housing to discuss additional supports for people staying overnight who are seeking to stay warm.

Best,
Paul