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Good morning Mayor and Council,

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.

Last week's work in the park

- Following the arrest of someone in the park last week as part of a homicide investigation, staff paused some work in the park for a few days.
- An updated Fire Chief's Order was posted in the park at the weekend. The City continues to work with BC Housing to educate people living in the park on fire risk and support safe warming practices. Enforcement activities are being reassessed at this time.
- Park Board GM issued a Notice of Access Restriction to three community members associated with the encampment who have behaved aggressively and with threats toward City staff and officials over several interactions, both within the encampment and on the west side of the park.

Indoor accommodation

- As referenced in the update regarding activation of spaces that was provided yesterday, we are still awaiting confirmation of operating funding from the province.
- Renovations at 875 Terminal are beginning with funding from the Reaching Home grant the City received. Staff remain ready to undertake the necessary work to open the proposed spaces as soon as we receive the go-ahead.

Community relations

- Staff will be issuing the third bi-weekly community this week to 170+ people who have previously contacted us regarding the park. We will send you a copy of the update shortly after it has been issued.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,
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