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Subject: Update: Strathcona Park encampment

Dear 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.

Indoor accommodation

- BC Housing announced earlier today that the City is partnering with them to open two 60-bed low barrier shelters at 875 Terminal and 15-27 West Hastings this spring. Staff will keep you updated as the renovations and activations of these spaces progress.
- Late last week BC Housing advised us that they did not want to progress with the activation of Jericho Hostel due to lack of transit connections and limited accessibility for people with mobility issues. Staff have advised stakeholders, including West Point Grey Residents' Association and Hostel International, that we will not be using the building as a shelter. Our previous request to protect this information in confidence no longer applies.
- Staff continue to work with the Province to identify and activate other locations across Vancouver that will provide warm, safe spaces for people who are experiencing homelessness and we will keep you updated on this work as it progresses.

Work in the park

- The work to relocate people from the west side of Strathcona Park has been completed, as the last remaining tents were taken down today. Some individuals have chosen to move into housing, while others have joined the east park encampment. The Parks Operation Team has fenced off the west side of the park, and this week, they will complete a mapping exercise to determine what remediation will be required prior to reopening that area.
- City Sanitation staff continue to collect garbage from the perimeter of the park on a regular basis.

Community relations

- Staff will be issuing the fourth bi-weekly community this week to 170+ people who have previously contacted us regarding the park. We will send you a copy once it is issued.

Best,
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