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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.

Indoor accommodation

- 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.
 - The City's partnership with BC Housing to open two 60-bed low barrier shelters at 875 Terminal and 15-27 West Hastings this spring was announced last week. Staff will keep you updated as the renovations and activations of these spaces progress.

Work in the park

- The Park Operations team has completed their initial assessment of the west side of the park, and remediation work will begin later this week to ensure the area is safe for the public.
- Park Board staff will begin meeting with neighbourhood groups starting on Tuesday, March 2 to better understand community aspirations for future park activation, programming, and improvements
- Staff are developing a plan regarding the RVs parked around the park and will be able to share more details on this next week
- More than 100,000 kgs of material has been collected from the park since October. City Sanitation staff continue to collect garbage from the perimeter of the park on a daily basis.

Community relations

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

Best,
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