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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.

#### **Work in the park**

- Park Operation crews continue to work removing debris and remediating the west side of the park (including work to the shrubs and turf).

#### **RV enforcement**

- This week the Parking Enforcement team will be issuing an advanced notice to RV owners who are parked on the streets surrounding the park that the City will begin enforcing four by-laws in the coming weeks. The notice explains that anyone who is leaving structures or person belongings on the streets, whose RV is uninsured, who has an unattached trailer, or has parked an oversized vehicle on the street overnight is in contravention of City by-laws.
- The long notice period is designed to align with overall decampment timelines and provides ample notice to vehicle owners to engage with the City's Outreach Team and/or make necessary repairs to their vehicle. As part of this plan, Parking Enforcement will issue a first and second warning but if people do not come into compliance the vehicles will be ticketed and towed.
- The enforcement of these by-laws in the Strathcona area is part of plan to address similar by-law offences across the city.

#### **Engagement with the community**

- Park Board staff joined Strathcona residents for the first of a series of community meetings on March 2. These are opportunities to listen and better understand how park activation, stewardship activities can support welcoming the neighbourhood back to the park.
- Staff heard there is an immediate need to remediate portions of the park for safe public use, and a need for accessible green space. There is also a desire among residents to reimagine the park by working together on visioning and engagement.
- Sandra Singh, Donnie Rosa and Dominic Flanagan (BC Housing's Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives) took part in a virtual meeting with the Strathcona Residents Association last week to provide an update on work in the park and answer questions from the community
- The fifth community update regarding the park will be issued this week to residents in the neighbourhood and other people who have expressed an interest in our work in the park

Best,

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