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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

- Remediation of the west side of the park is nearing completion; Operation crews expect to be finished mid-week.
- Staff from the City and the Park Board continue to work together to finalize a plan for managing space in the northeast corner of the park.

RV enforcement

- Today the Parking Enforcement team will be issuing an Initial Warning notice to RV owners who are parked on the streets surrounding the park and have uninsured vehicles or are parked in contravention of by-laws. These spaces are needed for decampment logistics (movers, sanitation trucks, etc.). The notice encourages vehicle owners to engage with the City's Outreach team or take the necessary steps to comply with the by-laws. To note, this is part of a larger City-wide parking enforcement campaign.

Accommodation options

- The majority of the necessary construction work will begin this week to renovate the properties at 875 Terminal and 15-27 West Hastings into shelters that can be used by people who are moving from the park.
- City staff are continuing to work with BC Housing to identify and activate other indoor spaces that can be used as accommodation for people experiencing homelessness across Vancouver.

Community relations

- The City will issue the sixth update to the Strathcona community week and BC Housing continues to provide people sleeping in the park with weekly updates on housing options and other relevant information about supports.

Best,

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