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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.

GM order extension

- Following the issuance of last week's GM order for the northeast corner of the park, 11 tents currently remaining. The order expires this Thursday.
- The west side of the park remains clear and there are no new tents.

MOU with the Province

- Today the [Province announced an MOU with the City and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation](#) which formalizes our commitment to work together to bring the Strathcona encampment to a close and help prevent similar encampments in the future.

Accommodation options

- As you are aware, the purchase of six properties by BC Housing was announced last week. These properties will provide approximately 340 units of accommodation, create additional capacity within Vancouver's overall supportive housing stock and support the relocation of people from the Strathcona encampment.
- There are currently a significant number of available spaces that people can begin moving into and staff continue to work closely with BC Housing to facilitate the activation of additional locations, including the ongoing renovations to create the new shelters at 875 Terminal and 15-27 West Hastings.

Work in the park

- Next week, Vancouver Fire Rescue Service will be conducting walk throughs of the park to ensure compliance with the Fire Chief's Order, and will be removing items as part of hazard mitigation work.
- The City's Outreach Team will also be intensifying work in the park next week, engaging with people to update or renew understanding of their needs and support housing referral recommendations to BC Housing.

Engagement with the community

- Staff will be issuing the bi-weekly email update to the Strathcona community at the end of this week
- Park Board staff met with members of the board for Ray-Cam Cooperative Centre and heard input including concerns about the need for accessibility, youth amenities, cultural practice, stewardship and community activation. Further conversations in the neighbourhood continue to be planned while staff engage in email correspondence related to use of green space and the importance community gardens and wildlife in the park.

RV enforcement

- Final warning notices were distributed by Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) last week. Engineering staff will be cleaning and blocking off space as vehicles are vacated from Raymur Street so that the curb lane is available during the decampment process.
- Outreach staff continue to work with RV owners to help them come into compliance with by-laws ahead of next week when ticketing and towing of vehicles will begin

We will continue to update you on any new developments related to Strathcona Park.

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