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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find below this week's brief update regarding the work of the City and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to close the encampment in Strathcona Park.

#### **Park Status**

- City and Parks staff have removed debris from the majority of the park (119,290 kilograms collected between April 14 and May 10). Some items remain on half of the gravel field area, and along Raymur Avenue. Staff continue to seek advise from partners on next steps, as the encampment draws closer to a close.
- Three individuals are still in the park. We were down to one person, but two people who had housing and left have now returned. Staff are continuing to urge them to finalize their exit from the park and continue to call on support from VCH and BC Housing to this end.
- The ceremonial fire is burning outside of the fenced off area, but staff expect it will be extinguished once the final people living in the park have left.
- Park Operations have completed a quick assessment of the cleared areas to determine the remediation work required and are in the process of planning that work now.
- Staff from City and Park Board continue to proactively monitor parks across the city and will respond promptly if there are signs of other encampments being set up.

#### **Community Updates**

- Staff recently joined a follow-up conversation with neighbourhood residents to discuss summer programming and future use of the park.
- Materials to support youth engagement about the future of the park have been provided to local community centres. Staff are also planning outreach to residents in the area, including people living in non-profit housing.

This will be our last pre-scheduled weekly update on Strathcona Park, but we will continue to keep you updated on an as-needed basis.

Best,  
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