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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

As of mid-day today, there were approximately 12-15 people congregating in the area along Raymur Ave adjacent to the park. Our Sanitation team has made some progress in working with Fiona York to identify debris that has been abandoned and has removed that material from the roadway. That work is proceeding without any VPD presence.

The PHS Outreach team has also been at the site today.

The protesters have been advised that all structures, material and vehicles must be removed from the road. Given the modest success that Sanitation has had thus far today in addressing the amount of material remaining, staff have not yet issued a written order to the protesters. However, the individuals present have been advised that a written order is forthcoming if they do not continue active efforts to remove their belongings.

Taryn and her team have developed an operational plan to manage this situation over the weekend. We will keep you apprised as it evolves.

For purposes of any public communication regarding this matter, I would suggest the following messages:

- Working in partnership, BC Housing, the City, Park Board and PHS have supported almost 300 people to relocate from the Strathcona Park encampment into housing. At this time, there is no longer anyone camping in the park.
- A small group of individuals continue to occupy space in the roadway adjacent to the park along Raymur Ave. We understand that this presence is continuing as a protest action. There are a number of structures, vehicles and other articles in the roadway at that location.
- City staff have advised the individuals that the roadway must be cleared and are working with them to remove material that has been abandoned.
- Outreach staff are also attending the site to assist any individuals who may have arrived there since the decampment and who are in need of support to access housing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns at this point.

Best,
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