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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide a brief update on our response to the group of individuals who have parked RVs in the vicinity of Van Tech High School. As we reported previously, Parking Enforcement staff have engaged with vehicle occupants at this location on several occasions in recent months to provide information regarding the applicable bylaw provisions. Our Outreach team has also been on site over the past 2 weeks to connect with individuals who may be in need of housing supports.

Per our standard practice in responding to RVs on City streets, vehicles are issued with two written warning in advance of any enforcement action. Enforcement is not pursued in those instances where vehicle occupants have requested support in accessing housing and are working with Outreach.

Vehicle occupants who are parked around Van Tech and who have declined to engage with Outreach have been advised that vehicles parked in contravention of bylaws are subject to enforcement as of today. We anticipate that Parking Enforcement will be initiating a targeted approach to enforcement in relation to those vehicles in the coming days.

The response to individuals staying in RVs on streets and in parks presents a very complex challenge for the City. Distinct from the circumstances of most homeless individuals camping in the public realm, individuals who live in RVs do so for a broad range of reasons. Many do not consider themselves homeless or at risk of being homeless and have no interest in the housing options that the City and BCH are working to provide for individuals experiencing homelessness. Unless individuals opt to engage with our Outreach team, we have no means to evaluate their circumstances or alternatives.

It is not possible to estimate specifically the impact of deferring all enforcement of parking bylaws in relation to RVs but we expect the number of individuals staying in vehicles within the City would grow exponentially. Also, we have reviewed the experience of other cities in establishing designated locations for individuals to stay in RVs. That approach has been costly and has not produced positive outcomes in supporting transitions to housing or in reducing the number of RVs parked elsewhere.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Best,  
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