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Good evening Mayor and Council,

I am writing to share the following update from Daniel Stevens, our Director for VEMA, regarding the latest weather alert and our response.

Best,  
Paul

As you know, Environment Canada issue a Heat Warning earlier this week which initiated Vancouver's extreme heat response measures. Due to the increased temperatures, Vancouver Coastal Health has issued an Extreme Heat Alert, which signals more extreme temperatures and initiates the second stage of our response. This is the first time an Extreme Heat Alert has been issued in the region since the creation of the lower mainland's Heat Alert Response System. The Information Bulletin from VCH and FVHA is attached.

VEMA and our City departments have already begun implementing level 2 response measures. These additional measures include:

1. Extending hours at our cooling centres in the Downtown Eastside
2. Opening two wading pools, starting tomorrow – Park Board regularly opens wading pools in early July, but was able to open two wading pools in high-need starting tomorrow (12-5) for the duration of the heat wave
3. Distributing bottled water through Downtown Eastside community centres and community partners, and through Park Board cooling centres where needed

VCH has also clarified that COVID-related occupancy restrictions, physical distancing, and wearing of masks at cooling centres is not required in Vancouver. People coming to the centres should be encourage to follow these practices where possible and staff will adjust plans to provide as much space to people attending cooling centres as feasible.

VEMA is holding a coordination call daily with departments involved in the response and will continue to assess needs, monitor the situation, and provide updates as the situation changes.