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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing an information bulletin on July 2, 2021 regarding increased street cleaning and waste collection services and the launch of a campaign, Put Waste in its Place, encouraging everyone to properly dispose of their waste in plazas, parks and beaches this summer.

Should they be helpful to you, some key messages we will be sharing include:

- In response to COVID-19 health guidelines and the warmer weather, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of people using public space. As a result, we are seeing a rise in waste and litter in Vancouver.
- In response, City crews have increased waste collection and street cleaning across the city, with a focus on high-traffic areas:
 - An additional 200+ waste bins have been installed in high priority areas such as parks and public plazas.
 - Crews have increased frequency of emptying waste bins (existing and new) city-wide.
 - Small waste bins are being replaced with larger [cart enclosure](#) waste bins to help reduce overflows.
 - Expanded micro-cleaning services, which include the daily collection of litter on foot using brooms, shovels, and wheeled garbage carts, through our Street Cleaning Grant Program.
 - Additional staff hired to the City's Street Cleaning team to support expanded cleaning in high priority areas, increased flushing, sweeping and abandoned garbage collection.
- To reinforce that keeping Vancouver clean and litter-free is a shared responsibility, we're launching a 'Put Waste in its Place' campaign to encourage everyone to do their part to keep public spaces and cherished parks, beaches and green spaces litter free.
- Council approved the funding increase (\$1.28M) for street cleaning services in the City's 2021 operating budget.

Best,
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