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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please see the following message from Dr. Daly in respect of the matters to be considered by Council at your special meeting tomorrow.

Best,  
Paul

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To Mayor and Council,

I am aware that Council is considering recommendations to address homelessness and encampments in the city. In the context of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and the opioid overdose crisis, I would caution against any move to disband the homeless encampments without carefully considering the implications these dual emergencies have for vulnerable, currently homeless people. However, in considering new housing resources for people experiencing homelessness, I agree with city staff recommendations to prioritize safe, indoor housing options, with appropriate supports, over additional encampments. Our staff are happy to work with the city to more carefully examine the range of available options and strategies to support the homeless population following the special council meeting.

Sincerely,

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