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**Subject:** Overnight parking on Raymur Ave

**Attachments:** Council Memo - Overnight Parking on Raymur Av - 2020-10-16 final.pdf

Hello Mayor and Council,

The attached memo provides an update on the City's response to the above issue and to the broader challenges associated with individuals staying in vehicles on City streets.

As previously indicated, the first priority of staff in all cases is to connect individuals who may need housing or other supports with those services. Parking enforcement measures are deferred in the case of anyone who is engaged with our Outreach team.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

October 17, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Sadhu A. Johnston  
City Manager

SUBJECT: Overnight Parking on 900-1200 Raymur Avenue

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### ***Background***

The City regularly receives complaints about RVs parked for extended periods on City streets and the debris, noise from generators, and other issues that are often associated with them. As per the Street and Traffic Bylaw, large vehicles such as RVs are not permitted to park on City streets between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am.

The RVs tend to congregate in industrial areas or adjacent to vacant lands, where there are generally fewer impacts and complaints. At times, however, they have congregated near parks and recreational areas, such as Spanish Banks/Jericho Beach and Strathcona Park, where there is more interaction with members of the public.

There has been a proliferation of RVs parked on Vancouver streets over recent years. Some people live in an RV to save rent while others choose RV living to travel/vacation upon retirement. Finally, for some it is because they have no other options and the loss of a vehicle is the final step before chronic homelessness. Enforcement of overnight parking of RVs is a multi-stage process that consists of two warning letters that include information on how to reach the City's Homelessness Services Outreach Team, followed by two tickets and subsequently, as a step of last resort, the vehicle is towed. Letters and/or tickets are not issued to vehicles that are

actively working with the Outreach Team. It is also important to note that the City discontinues the towing of vehicles from the beginning of November into spring to ensure marginalized citizens are not left homeless during the colder months. Similarly, the ticketing process slows during this time period. Finally, the City will also offer to tow inoperable vehicles to a private location to park legally.

To facilitate enforcement in areas with recurring issues, signage is installed to reiterate the overnight parking regulations. As part of a standard process, notification letters are distributed to residents, businesses and relevant stakeholders in the area to advise them of the changes.

### ***900-1200 Raymur Avenue***

Prior to the encampment at Strathcona Park, staff were aware of RVs parking on the 900-1200 blocks of Raymur Avenue for extended periods. Several complaints were received about RVs limiting the parking availability for people wishing to visit Strathcona Park or nearby businesses. The sign locations were determined and notification letters distributed in late September as per the standard process.

At this time, Engineering staff are advancing the signage installation and enforcement of the Street and Traffic Bylaw. Our Homelessness Services Outreach Team will continue to offer assistance to support individuals living in RVs, as well as working with partners to operationalize Council's "Emergency COVID-19 Relief for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents" motion approved October 8<sup>h</sup>, 2020. No enforcement of long-term RV parking has taken place at this location since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and staff will not pursue enforcement of the by-law in situations where individuals living in vehicles are working with our Outreach staff to find housing.

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