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**Date:** 10/22/2020 9:08:21 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Overnight parking on Raymur Ave

Good morning Mayor and Council,

I am writing in response to questions received from Councillors in follow up to the memo provided on October 17 outlining our approach to the above issue. My apologies for the delay in providing this reply.

First, I can confirm that vehicles are towed in exceptional cases and as a last resort following repeated warnings, attempts to engage the owners and tickets. Although uninsured vehicles present a particular challenge, our staff are very cautious to avoid impounding vehicles that people are using for shelter.

I can also advise that we are reviewing the content of the information/warning notices that are provided to large vehicles parked in contravention of bylaws and will incorporate a clear indication that enforcement measures may be deferred where vehicle owners are engaged with Outreach staff.

Specifically with regard to the streets around Strathcona Park, staff are following the protocol applied across the rest of the City. We note that, in the context of Council's direction that staff facilitate supplanting encampments including Strathcona Park, it is critical for our team to gain an understanding of the number and circumstances of individuals residing in vehicles around the encampment who may need/want housing supports. Absent any incentive to do so, our experience is that individuals in RVs very rarely engage with Outreach. As a result, we have very little information regarding this population.

As previously indicated, the challenges associated with individuals residing in large vehicles on City streets are complex and, in many cases, distinct from the issues facing other unsheltered individuals. Many individuals staying in vehicles have indicated that do not consider themselves homeless and, while we know that some are living in vehicles as a last resort, staff have no means to distinguish that group from others who may have viable alternatives. We are also aware of commercial enterprises in the Lower Mainland that rent second-hand RVs for low rates and market them as an alternative to rental accommodation. Absent any action to manage, the City can anticipate a significant proliferation of large vehicles in our dense urban neighbourhoods that are not at all suited to accommodate them.

I hope the foregoing information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Best,  
Paul

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**From:** Mochrie, Paul  
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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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