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Good morning Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to provide an initial report on activities under way at Sunset Beach and the Vancouver Art Gallery in the lead up to the 4/20 protests at those locations. There is a robust plan in place for management of both sites. Given the predominant concern for public order and safety, VPD is the lead agency, with support from VFRS, Parks, Engineering, Inspections, Communications and BC Ambulance.

As you are aware, the original premise for this year was that the 4/20 protest event would relocate from the VAG to Sunset Beach. However, as of Sunday afternoon, a group not affiliated with the Sunset Beach organizers established a presence on the VAG North Plaza with an intent to remain in place through to the end of today. That group was persuaded to relocate to the south side of the VAG and the North Plaza has now been completely fenced to accommodate the construction work now under way.

As of 3:30am today, the group at the VAG moved several of their canopy tents into the Robson St roadway and assembled a stage at that site. The VPD commander at that location has now closed Robson between Howe and Hornby. We had contemplated the likely requirement to close Robson at some point during the day and Translink was prepared for that eventuality. The DVIBA and West BIA have also been briefed. Our Comms team is working with VPD Comms to ensure media outlets have accurate information regarding the closure.

VPD will be doing what they can to maintain traffic flow on Howe and Hornby throughout the day. In general, VPD will be encouraging anyone arriving at the VAG to move on to Sunset Beach.

The set-up at Sunset Beach commenced at 5:30am today and is proceeding as expected.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. We will keep you apprised of the situation throughout the day.

Thanks,
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