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Greetings Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to share the latest weather forecast from Environment Canada and the evolution of our operational planning. The storm that was predicted to hit the Lower Mainland last night moved more slowly than expected and has weakened over that delay. The most significant winds from that storm are being experienced right now (12:30pm) and will decrease over the course of this afternoon. To this point, there have been minimal impacts for Vancouver.

Environment Canada is currently forecasting that the final storm front will hit Vancouver late Saturday afternoon, with winds peaking in the 11pm-2am timeframe. While the conditions over the past 48 hours have been relatively moderate, Environment Canada is still expecting significant winds with gusts up to 100 km/h and 25-30 mm of rain between Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Given the updated forecasts, our Emergency Operations Centre will not be activated on Saturday, but will be staffed early Sunday morning. Operations crews will remain on stand-by continuously over the next 48 hours and we are finalizing plans for managing emergency issues and issue escalation overnight on Saturday. Community Services and Communications are working to ensure that vulnerable individuals are aware of the additional shelter capacity available over the weekend.

Our team will receive a weather update from Environmental Canada mid-day on Saturday. Should a revised forecast call for any adjustments to our operational plans, we will react accordingly in order to ensure we are adequately staffed for Sunday.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
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