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Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

Further to our briefing on Wednesday afternoon regarding the encampment at 58 W Hastings, I am writing to advise that City staff attended the property this morning and have issued notice to the campers of the City's desire to clear the site by Tuesday, October 25.

As set out in the written notice we posted and provided to the 7-8 individuals we encountered at the camp, our foremost concerns are the deteriorating conditions and obvious risks to the health and safety of anyone who is on the site. We also confirmed that people leaving the camp will be able to access a shelter space if needed, and that Carnegie Outreach team will continue their ongoing visits to identify individuals who require assistance transitioning to shelter and/or storing their personal belongings.

The individuals whom we spoke with were not surprised by the information and received it without any negative reaction. Several expressed the desire to get out of the camp as soon as they have somewhere else to go.

We do not anticipate that the camp will be vacated by our indicated deadline of noon on October 25. We will continue to work with any remaining campers for a few days beyond that date before we undertake a concerted effort to clear the site. The clean-up effort will be extensive.

If you require any additional information at this time, please let me know.

Best,
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