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Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

City and VPD staff are on site again today at 58 W Hastings and are making a concerted effort to support the few individuals remaining the encampment to vacate the property today. As of 12:30pm, there were 5 people left and all were engaged in varying stages of organizing and packing their belongings. Commencing this afternoon, Engineering staff will begin removing the significant quantity of garbage and abandoned belongings from the property.

It is not yet clear whether we will be successful in having the site cleared and the initial clean-up complete by the end of the day. That continues to be our objective. If there are individuals who simply refuse to leave, we will not be in a position to maintain the presence at the site over the weekend, given the pressure on VPD resources related to Halloween. We will assess the situation at the end of the day and again on Monday but, in that instance, we may be left with an injunction application as the City's only remaining recourse. Law is completing the preparatory work for that application now.

While many people have left the site over the past three days, only a few have attended the overnight shelter that was opened as an option for individuals coming from 58 W Hastings.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Best,
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