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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Madame Justice Russell issued her decision this morning and has granted the City's request for an injunction to require individuals currently residing in the encampment at 58 W Hastings to depart the property. The order provides seven days for the campers to leave and imposes obligations on the City to provide portable toilets and garbage disposal during that one week period. In addition to meeting those obligations, we will maintain daily safety monitoring by VPD and VFRS and ongoing interaction on the part of our Outreach team.

As of 6pm on November 24, the order is enforceable against anyone who remains on the site at that time. Over the coming week, VPD will be developing an operational plan for enforcement of the order, should that be necessary. Of course, our hope is that the campers will all leave voluntarily before the Court's deadline and access the shelter/housing options available to them.

The judge has yet to provide written reasons for her decision, although I understand from our counsel who were in Court today that she was complimentary of the work that Carnegie Outreach staff have been doing to support homeless people in the encampment to access housing. Her order includes a requirement for the City to maintain its best efforts to assist those individuals to transition into permanent housing.

As you know, our management of this encampment has drawn on a large group of staff from across the City, VFRS and VPD. That team has done an incredible job of navigating the challenging balance of interests and obligations that the City has in respect of this matter and, once again, have demonstrated a remarkable degree of professionalism and sensitivity to the people and circumstances on the site. Vancouver is very fortunate in regards to the calibre of civic staff, firefighters and police officers we have working for us.

Thank you for your support over these past months and please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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