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Good evening Mayor and Councillors,

I am pleased to advise that all of the individuals who were staying at 58 W Hastings departed the property voluntarily following the expiry of the 1 week timeline provided by the Supreme Court. There were no arrests. VPD now has control of the site and will maintain security overnight. Corporate Security will take custody in the morning and has arrangements in place to re-install fencing. We will be maintaining an ongoing security presence and priority response from VPD, with such measures subject to re-evaluation over the coming weeks.

Outreach was able to secure permanent housing for one individual who was staying in the encampment. A second individual was offered a permanent housing placement, but declined it. I do not have details at this point regarding the situation of the other 9 individuals who Outreach had identified as residents in the camp. Those individuals did not engage with Outreach over the past week.

Unfortunately, in conjunction with the protest that took place at 58 W Hastings last this afternoon, a number of individuals involved with the protest have set up tents in Thornton Park (Main and National). That set-up was planned and there have been vehicles delivering tents, plywood and wooden pallets to the park this evening. There are approximately 8-10 tents at present. VPD had members monitoring the protest and the park and Park Rangers were on scene quickly. However, given limited Ranger staffing available this evening, darkness and weather conditions, we determined that it was not practical to take any direct measures to address the tents at Thornton Park tonight. Our team will be convening tomorrow morning to review the situation and determine our next steps.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this time.

Best,
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