Hello Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to provide a brief overview of the activity we expect to occur downtown tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb 28) in conjunction with the Trump International Hotel opening events. At this time, we understand that there are three distinct protests planned. The first is scheduled to commence at 9:00am at the hotel (1161 West Georgia Street). The second is planned for 11:00am at the VAG, with participants marching to the hotel. The third is planned for 4:00pm at Jack Poole Plaza, with a march to the US Consulate and back to Jack Poole. However, some of those participants may also decide to attend the hotel. In total, it is anticipated that these three protests could number several thousand participants by late afternoon.

VPD has developed a robust public safety plan and will have extensive resources available to manage the events. VPD is taking the lead with the media and I understand they plan to issue public communications this afternoon advising of road closures downtown tomorrow. Engineering is supporting VPD in this regard. VFRS staff will also be present tomorrow as embedded resources with VPD’s public safety unit.

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

Best,
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