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Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

As you may have seen, Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement calling for above-seasonal temperatures in the Lower Mainland over the coming days. From a discussion with Environment Canada today, we understand they expect temperatures to peak on Thursday, with highs approaching 30 degree near the water and in the low 30's inland. Overnight lows are forecast at 16 degree. Environment Canada is projecting the weather to cool slightly over the weekend. Temperatures have not yet reached the threshold to trigger a formal heat warning, but it is possible that such a warning could be issued later in the week

Concurrent with the hot weather statement, Metro Vancouver has issued an air quality advisory to take effect tomorrow based on a predicted incursion of forest fire smoke into the Lower Mainland.

In anticipation of the forecasted temperatures, we are implementing the City's plans to mitigate the impacts for residents. Libraries and community centres are accessible for use as cooling centres and signage has been posted at those facilities to indicate same. We are making provisions to expand the access to drinking water, including deployment of the City's portable drinking fountains tomorrow and public access to kitchen space at community centres. At least one of the temporary fountains will be situated in the DTES.

Information regarding the location of cooling centres and water fountains is available on [vancouver.ca](http://vancouver.ca) and VanConnect. We will also be issuing a public communication confirming the availability of these details.

VFRS, VPD and Park Rangers will be making extra efforts to monitor public spaces for individuals who may be suffering from heat-related illness. We have several large public events scheduled for the coming week and will be communicating proactively to attendees regarding heat-related health risks and precautions. For residents in City-operated housing, we have increased the frequency of room checks and will ensure that vulnerable residents are able to access cooling spaces as necessary.

We will be watching conditions closely over the coming days and will assess the need for further measures, including extended operating hours for community centres and libraries.

If you require any additional information at this time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thanks,  
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