Greetings Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to let you know that, as of yesterday (Dec 19), all of the individuals camping on the City-owned lot on Franklin St have relocated to shelters. That encampment has existed since the summer and was established by the Alliance Against Displacement group following the court-ordered displacement of the camp at 950 Main Street.

City crews have begun the process of clearing the debris from the camp in anticipation of approval to construct modular housing on that site. Once the site has been cleared, it will be secured pending issuance of a development permit.

As per our typical practice, the management of this encampment represented a joint effort by staff from Outreach, VFRS, VPD, Engineering and the City Manager's Office. Of note, the resolution was achieved in a collaborative manner with the occupants and without resort to the courts.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Paul