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Good morning Mayor and Council,

On Friday, the City of Vancouver implemented its extreme heat plans in response to an Environment Canada special weather statement for heat. This triggered stage one of our plans. As you may have seen in the media, Environment Canada has now upgraded this to a **Heat Warning** which triggered stage two of our plans. The Heat Warning is expected to remain in effect for the next few days until temperature cools on Thursday or Friday.

Current forecast:

Vancouver temperatures over the next few days will range from 26 to 28, with lows of 16 to 17 degrees overnight. Daytime highs are expected to get down to 21 on Friday.

https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-74_metric_e.html (latest forecast)

Heat warning: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?bc42#1716386401514502817201806180502ww1171cwvr

Departments across the City are implementing various measures to respond to and mitigate the effects of heat on our most vulnerable residents, including the elderly, very young, those with underlying health conditions, and those who live outside or in buildings that trap the heat. Our response measures include:

- **Cooling Centres:** opening of cooling centres at our air conditioned facilities, including some community centres and our libraries. Signage is installed at these locations as well as increased access to water.
- **Wellness Checks:** conducting wellness checks in parks and areas frequented by homeless people by Park Rangers, VPD, VFRS, and ACCS staff. Park Rangers will be carrying water and offering it to those in need. Wellness checks are also being conducted of residents of City-run Non-market housing sites.
- **Deployment of Misting Stations and Temporary Water Fountains:** misting stations and temporary water fountains are being deployed to parks where homeless people would benefit from the cooling effects of misters and where permanent drinking fountains are not yet installed.
- **Public Information:** public information has been distributed by web, social media, and to the media, as well as directly to the public through the teams conducting wellness checks.
- **Staff Messaging:** safety messaging is being distributed to staff, especially those who work outside in the heat.

Information on many of the City's response measures and how to stay cool are on the City's Hot Weather page: <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/hot-weather.aspx>

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Chief Reid if you have any questions.

Best,
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