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Good morning Mayor and Council,

Further to my initial message regarding the above incident, I can provide the following update:

All crew members on board the tug were rescued last night. The boat is now fully submerged in the Fraser River in the vicinity of Deering Island (south of Point Grey Golf Club).

The Coast Guard (CCG) has primary responsibility for managing the response. CCG resources are on scene, along with response crews from Ledcorp (the tug owner). Recovery experts and equipment (e.g. divers, naval architect, crane) are also on site or anticipated to arrive shortly. At this point, CCG expects that recovery of the vessel will be straightforward.

Boom is in place downstream of the sunken vessel and environmental agencies (BC Ministry of Environment, Environment Canada) are engaged and looking at additional protection for sensitive shoreline. CCG is organizing overflights to better assess the extent of the fuel spill.

At this point, the impact to Vancouver shoreline is unknown. CoV Environmental Protection staff are on their way to Deering Island and Emergency Management staff will be in attendance at a noon meeting briefing at the CCG Sea Island base; shoreline protection will be one of the issues addressed at that meeting.

Please let me know if you require any additional information at this point.

Best,
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