Good morning Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide an update on the status of the incident involving the sunken tug in the north arm of the Fraser River. The situation remained stable overnight and the fuel sheen observed yesterday has continued to dissipate. WCMRC (the spill response organization) has recovered a considerable amount of solid debris but there is insufficient fuel in the water to recover. Another shoreline assessment will be conducted this morning; CoV is participating in that assessment.

Fraser River Park and McDonald Beach Park (Richmond) remain closed as a precautionary measure. Air quality monitoring is ongoing at McDonald Beach Park.

The recovery of the sunken tug is planned for 3:00pm today at slack tide. The Canadian Coast Guard is overseeing that operation. WCMRC has deployed additional boom and boats to contain any fuel that may be released during the recovery.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Paul

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