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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

As you may be aware, VFRS responded to a four-alarm fire in an apartment building at the above address yesterday. The building sustained significant fire and water damages and all 44 units have been evacuated. Our present understanding is that the residents will be displaced for several weeks pending restoration work.

Unfortunately, very few of the tenants are insured. The City's Emergency Social Services team attended the incident yesterday and made arrangements for lodging and provided food vouchers for those who required those supports. These emergency benefits, which are funded by Emergency Management BC, expire on Tuesday. CoV Emergency Management is in contact with EMBC regarding a potential extension to those benefits, although there is no question that any support from the province will cease long before the building is available for occupancy.

Emergency Management staff will be meeting with tenants this evening and will be gathering additional information from individuals who may not have alternate living arrangements available in the short term. We will keep you apprised as we obtain a better sense of the potential needs in that regard.

If you have any questions at this point, please let me know.

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