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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Over the weekend, Outreach continued to work in Oppenheimer park to connect people to the remaining available housing and shelter spaces. As of today, approximately 127 people have accepted housing offers. Of the people who have accepted offers of housing, 37 per cent identify as Indigenous, and 33 per cent as women.

As the majority of the housing units have now been accepted, the City and BC Housing will continue to work in the park to offer spaces at shelters within Vancouver.

The City continues to have concerns for people sleeping in the park, given the history of serious health and safety incidents often associated with encampments. Vancouver Fire Rescue Service will continue removing items presenting hazards to health and safety, in compliance with the Fire Chief's order which has been in place in the park since February.

The City continues to work with VPD to ensure the safety of all people in the park, as well as residents in the surrounding neighbourhood. VPD officers will maintain a presence at the park to keep the peace, and respond to incidents as needed, but will not remove people living in the park without further legal authorization and notice.

At this time, the Park Board has not issued direction to staff to seek an injunction to enforce the GM order.

We will be sharing an update with media this afternoon.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

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