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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide a brief update on the work that our staff are doing to support individuals camping in Oppenheimer Park. Our Homelessness Services Outreach team is in the park on an ongoing basis and staff estimate that there are presently 35 people who are regularly sleeping in the park overnight. Of that group, 25 individuals are engaging with our team and are receiving assistance connecting with health, housing and other services.

In addition to the more than 130 people who were housed in August, the City and BC Housing have housed an additional 14 people who were staying in the park over the last few months. Staff are in ongoing discussions with BC Housing to identify alternative options to sleeping in the park.

Commencing in December, we have provided additional funding to allow Powell Street Getaway to also open as a warming centre when colder, rainier conditions occur. The Powell Street Getaway is situated adjacent to Oppenheimer Park. We are notifying people in the park as soon as an activation is confirmed to ensure anyone who needs to access one of these facilities is aware that they are open.

The foregoing information will also be provided to media in response to inquiries received earlier today.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Sandra Singh.

Best,  
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