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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister Dix are currently holding their daily media event regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Dr. Henry has announced a significant shift in BC's approach to prevent community transmission and contain the outbreak. The key points as noted from her live comments are as follows:

- Residents should avoid all non-essential travel outside Canada, including US. All returning travelers will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Mass gatherings ☒cancel all events over 250 people.
- Increase distancing in workplaces ☒avoid meetings, work from home.
- BC is not closing schools, at this point.

These directions have significant implications for Vancouver and our operations. We were anticipating a material change in direction today and are now reviewing these impacts in detail and planning our response accordingly. We will keep you apprised as we have additional information.

Best,
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