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Good afternoon Mayor and Council

For your situational awareness, there is a planned Anti-Vax protest tomorrow at City Hall beginning 1100 am. Unlike previous weekly protests of similar nature, tomorrow's event features a self proclaimed "celebrity anti-vaxxer" well known in various social media platforms. This individual has been involved in activity across the country, some of which has resulted in the instigation of acts of civil disobedience and aggression. His behaviour has subsequently resulted in criminal charges related to threats against politicians in Ontario and assault on a police officer.

Due to the profile of this event, our security team believes that there is an increase risk of acting out and the potential attempt to enter City Hall to speak with elected officials or to challenge public health orders. As such and out of an abundance of caution, we have increased security and safety vigilance in our plans tomorrow.

Approach to security for City Hall:

- Security Operations Management will be present to oversee the security staff and response
- ☐ VPD are informed and have confirmed resources to support the oversight of the activities both inside and outside of City Hall as required
- ☐ Only speakers will be provided access to chambers
- ☐ Main floor media center will be active and set up for the use of any party
- ☐ All access points will be screened at access by a security officer and directed to the area required to obtain services
- ☐ If present for council, they will be escorted up to the 3rd floor
- ☐ Internal access points will all be on card access so all staff are encouraged to where their ID.

Recommendations for Council members present:

- ☐ Maintain situational awareness and avoid interacting directly with the protest which we expect to be on the exterior of City Hall - south side.
- ☐ 3rd floor will remain a closely monitored and secure area for Council and City Staff.
- ☐ For those that are attending in person, we will support ingress of Council who park in the lower parking and offer escorts afterward as required

Previous protest events of this nature have been without incident and our security team is advising that this event is anticipated to be *low to moderate risk* based on the planning and preparations to date. If there are any concerns of any sort please call Security Operations @ 604.873.7157 or speak to the security representative at the podium.

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

Best,  
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