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Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that this evening, the City will be issuing the following information bulletin regarding the completion of the Winters Hotel demolition and next steps.

Best,  
Paul

## **City completes demolition of Winters Hotel building**

The City of Vancouver has completed the demolition of the 203 Abbott Street (Winters Hotel) building.

Demolition equipment finished leveling the last areas of the building at 6pm today. Work is now underway to clean up the area around the site, and to reopen Water Street.

This was a complex and challenging undertaking involving a fire-damaged structure that shared a wall with a neighbouring building, an area power outage, site security and significant road closures.

The City recognizes that this was a significant disruption to residents and businesses and made every effort since starting work on April 21 to finish the demolition as quickly and safely as possible.

The City appreciates the patience and cooperation shown by local residents and businesses throughout this process, and the work of Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and the Vancouver Police Department for their emergency response and ongoing efforts.

### **Next steps**

Following Provincial regulations, materials on the site will now have to remain for the next two weeks. During this time the property owner will be contracting a materials assessment and site clean-up plan.

Some of the sidewalk or portion of the curb lane may remain closed as security fencing will stay in place around the 203 Abbott site, and the City will work to open as much of the sidewalk and roadway as possible to support residents, businesses and visitors in the area.

VFRS is currently conducting an investigation into the Winters Hotel fire on April 11. This process will be thorough and include analyzing evidence and speaking to witnesses. The results of the investigation will be released once completed, and a spokesperson will be available to speak at that time.

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