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Dear Council,

Sharing with you below the VPD's media release re: the Hastings Street situation this afternoon.

In response to C' Swanson's question: "*I'm hearing that a senior with a walker got beaten. Can we de-escalate somehow?*" – The VPD and all involved are working to deescalate and stabilise the situation.

The Hastings Structures Removal Team is at this time reviewing next steps and developing the operational plan for tomorrow, in light of today's events. We will update you once we know more.

Thanks,

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱məθkʷəy̓əm/Musqueam, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh/Squamish and səliłwətał/Tsleil-Waututh nations

VPD officers assaulted in melee with large crowd in the Downtown Eastside

Vancouver – Several Vancouver Police officers have been assaulted in the Downtown Eastside this afternoon following the arrest of a man causing a disturbance at the Carnegie Centre.

Officers were called by Carnegie Centre staff just before 3 p.m., who reported a man throwing computers and behaving erratically. As officers were taking him into custody, the man resisted arrest and fought with police. A large crowd gathered, and became hostile and combative with the officers.

Several police officers were assaulted. Multiple arrests were made.

VPD officers were in the area at the request of the City of Vancouver to stand by and keep the peace while City workers conducted their information campaign into the tent and structure removal on Hastings Street.

More information to come as it is made available.

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