

File No.: 04-1000-20-2022-426

November 28, 2022

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of August 10, 2022 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*** for:

Regarding the removal of tents and other structures from East Hastings:

- 1. Any correspondence, emails, texts, call logs, notes, and other records to and from the City Solicitor Francie Connell, City Manager Paul Mochrie, and Deputy City Manager Armin Amrolia; and**
- 2. Any and all correspondence discussing the City's exposure to potential litigation and decisions to move forward with the removal.**

Date Range: May 1, 2022 to August 9, 2022.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.13(1), s.15(1)(l), and s.17(1) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2022-426); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

[Signed by Cobi Falconer]

Cobi Falconer, MAS, MLIS, CIPP/C
Director, Access to Information & Privacy
cobi.falconer@vancouver.ca
453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

Encl. (Response Package)

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From: ["Renning, Rob" <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)
To: ["Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca)
Date: 7/25/2022 3:23:32 PM
Subject: Chiefs Order - Hastings Tents July 21st (003)
Attachments: Chiefs Order - Hastings Tents July 21st (003).docx

Good Afternoon Paul,

On behalf of Chief Fry,

Please see the attached order for the Hastings street encampment.

Kind Regards,

Rob Renning



Karen Fry, General Manager/Fire Chief
900 Heatley Avenue, Vancouver BC, V6A 3S7

Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services
Fire Prevention & Community Safety Division
600-575 W 8th Ave, Vancouver BC, V5Z 0C4

ORDER
(PURSUANT TO VANCOUVER FIRE BY-LAW NO. 12472)

Date: Monday, July 25st 2022

TO: City of Vancouver
C/O Paul Mochrie
453 W 12th Ave
Vancouver, BC
(Name, Mailing address and Postal Code)

The premises North and South side of
East & West Hastings St.
& Main Street **by you to wit,** Tent encampment
(Type of Occupancy)

Located Unit block W Hastings to 200
block E Hastings and
surrounding vicinity **Vancouver, B.C.**

Inspected on the 21st **day of** July **2022.**

THE INSPECTION REVEALED:

1. Restricted means of egress from various buildings
2. Accumulation of combustible materials against buildings
3. Restricted access to fire department connections for various buildings
4. Unsafe storage and use of propane and other fuel sources
5. Open flames and fire hazards

Based upon the above, it is the opinion of the *Fire Chief* a condition exists at Unit block W Hastings to 200
block E Hastings
Vancouver, B.C., which endangers life and poses a risk of injury or loss by fire. (Street Address)

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me in accordance with Vancouver Fire By-Law 12472, Division C, Sentence 1.4.3.1.(1), you are HEREBY ORDERED TO:

1. Remove any tents or other materials obstruct the means of egress from the buildings on the above noted blocks.
2. Remove any combustible materials stored adjacent to any building that create a fire hazard to the building or its occupant, Vancouver Fire By-Law Section 2.4.1(4) Combustible Materials.
3. Ensure unobstructed access by firefighters to all fire department connections for sprinkler or standpipe systems. British Columbia Building Code Section 2.5.1.4(1) Fire Department Access to Buildings.
4. Remove any tarps, tents and other structures that are placed on the sidewalk where they will prevent firefighters from engaging in firefighting operations.
5. Remove propane and all other fuel sources from tents, tarps and structures.
6. Remove all open flames and flammable heat sources, including candles, inside or under tents and tarp structures.
7. Comply with all other provisions of Vancouver Fire By-Law 12472.

This Order is to be complied with on or before: Wednesday July 27 17:00
Month / Day / Time / am. / pm. Or Immediately

An inspection to determine compliance with this order will be conducted on: Thursday July 28th at 09:00




Karen Fry, General Manager/Fire Chief
900 Heatley Avenue, Vancouver BC, V6A 3S7

Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services
Fire Prevention & Community Safety Division
600-575 W 8th Ave, Vancouver BC, V5Z 0C4

ORDER
(PURSUANT TO VANCOUVER FIRE BY-LAW NO. 12472)

This order does not relieve the owner or occupier of the obligation to comply with all City of Vancouver by-laws, including the requirement to obtain a permit or permits to undertake the work. For Permit Information Contact: Developments and Building Services Centre, Main Floor. 515 West 10th Ave. Phone: 604-873-7611

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<i>(Signature of Recipient)</i>		<i>(Print name and Tel. # of recipient)</i>	
<hr/>		Karen Fry	
LAFC 2328		<i>(Fire Chief)</i>	
			
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		<i>Signature</i>	

From: "Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL" <s.15(1)(l)>
Date: 7/21/2022 6:15:02 PM
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL update; Hastings Street

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing with an update our efforts to support individuals currently camping along E Hastings St and manage the impact of the large numbers of people and structures present along the street. Further to the note we shared on July 15, our crews are continuing to attend daily to clean the streets and sidewalks as far as possible and deployment of the block stewardship model involving peers and Engineering staff is proceeding. We are also continuing efforts to address the fire and life safety risks associated with propane, structures and accumulations of combustible materials. Community members have been supported with training and fire extinguishers to monitor for fires and our staff are removing fuels from the street.

Notwithstanding the above preventative measures, Chief Fry and her team have identified that the current circumstances along Hastings St represent an immediate and substantial risk of injury and loss of life. The collection of structures and combustible materials in close proximity to buildings is impeding access to those properties and the volume of material, along with the widespread use of propane, candles and other ignition sources, presents a serious hazard to people on the street as well as the adjacent buildings. Of note, building fire suppression systems are not effective in the case of fires starting on the exterior of the structure. Given the volume of fire calls that VFRS has been managing this summer, as well as the number of housing units located along E Hastings St, we are concerned by the prospect of even more people losing their homes due to fires.

Given the foregoing, the Chief has indicated that she will be taking action to order the removal of structures and combustible materials from sidewalks. We expect to receive that order early next week and staff are presently developing an operations and communications plan regarding the implementation of the order. We anticipate it will take a sustained effort with campers over several days in order to have the sidewalks clear.

In recent days, the Carnegie Outreach team has been engaging with people staying on E Hastings. The team has indicated that there are approximately 400 people currently staying outdoors in this area and approximately 200 of those individuals do not have any housing or shelter option. Of course, an order to pack up their tent and belongings from E Hastings does not change the fact that there is no housing available for these residents. While we continue to work toward a sustainable solution for people to store belongings during the day time, Engineering will assist individuals with storage of materials that they are not able to move. We are also working with Park Board staff in planning for the potential increase in numbers of people who are sheltering overnight in parks.

VFRS staff have been communicating with community representatives regarding the public safety risks and there is a general appreciation for the fact that the status quo is not tenable. We will continue to work closely with community agencies and peers in the DTES as we work to address this very difficult situation.

We will provide additional details in the coming days as our operational plans and messaging are refined. However, if you have any immediate questions or concerns, please let me know. In the interim, the pending issuance of an order from the Fire Chief remains confidential.

Many thanks,
Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)
City Manager
City of Vancouver
paul.mochrie@vancouver.ca
604.873.7666



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməŋəm (Musqueam), ḵwə́w 7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

From: "Esther de Vos" <edevos@bchousing.org>
To: "Singh, Sandra" <Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>
"Stephanie Allen" <sallen@bchousing.org>
"Chapman, Bob [VCH]" <Bob.Chapman@vch.ca>
"Will, Meghan OHCS:EX" <Meghan.Will@gov.bc.ca>
"Dale McMann" <dmcmann@bchousing.org>
"Heidi Hartman" <hhartman@bchousing.org>
"Allison Dunnett" <adunnett@bchousing.org>
"Rod Hill" <rhill@bchousing.org>
"Rosa, Donnie" <Donnie.Rosa@vancouver.ca>
"Mauboules, Celine" <celine.mauboules@vancouver.ca>
"Martiniuk, Daryn SDPR:EX" <Daryn.Martiniuk@gov.bc.ca>
"Blemings, Roxanne HLTH:EX" <Roxanne.Blemings@gov.bc.ca>
"Laura Mathews" <lmathews@bchousing.org>
"Will Valenciano" <wvalenci@bchousing.org>
Date: 7/27/2022 3:13:00 PM
Subject: [EXT] RE: E Hastings Response Options

City of Vancouver security warning: Do not click on links or open attachments unless you were expecting the email and know the content is safe.

Good afternoon everyone,

Please find the link for some times for next week's joint BCH/VCH/COV/GOV meeting:

s.15(1)(l) [REDACTED]. Also, we have added representation from SDPR and Health to this email exchange and meeting invite list.

One option we haven't discussed in great detail but may be worth exploring next week is the use of modulars but this would require land to be identified as sites for that housing. This is in addition to the options we have already touched upon, namely around finding other shelter (temporary) solutions or managing an encampment in some way.

Also, please see the notes from our meeting yesterday below. Thank you to Laura for the comprehensive notes.

BCH:

- Looking at a number of SRO spaces to make available on the DTES – those that are vacant but require repairs – to bring them back up to being inhabitable. Units scattered across multiple SRO's on the DTES.
- s.13(1) [REDACTED]
- Despite the Order by the fire chief, this decampment is going to be a long process.
- It will be multiple weeks before the City moves in with authorities to physically remove people.
- Roughly half of the people that are on East Hastings have some form of housing now, but they

- are choosing to camp on the street. That is an indication that they are not likely/willing to move indoors.

City:

- Approximately 540 people counted this morning on East Hastings. Of those people, roughly 200 are actually experiencing homelessness, the rest have housing.
- The City will try voluntary compliance first, but at some point the City anticipates there will be a need for a VPD response.
- Sending out a flyer tomorrow that lets folks know that as of Aug. 3, the City will be helping folks start to take down their structures and provide storage.
- City would like to offer other supports, such as washroom access, storage in the DTES and drop-in spaces so people can be inside.
- s.17(1) [REDACTED]
- People come out of their SRO's during extreme heat, which is partly why the number of people on East Hastings has risen this week.
- City has activated their DTES heat emergency response activated: misting station at Pigeon Park, handing out water, opening cooling stations.
- City has requested that if BCH is considering managed encampments, it can't just be in Vancouver, it has to be regional so people aren't flocking to Vancouver from other communities.

Cheers,
Esther

From: "Baker, Sue" <Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca>
To: "Amrolia, Armin" <Armin.Amrolia@vancouver.ca>
Date: 8/8/2022 11:09:35 AM
Subject: flyer that went out Friday
Attachments: Notice of Fire Order in the DTES - Update as of Aug. 5, 2022.docx

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Sue Baker | Manager, Homelessness Response Coordination
Housing & Homelessness Services | City of Vancouver
Sue.Baker@Vancouver.ca
(778) 834-1287
Pronouns: she/her/hers



*This email is being sent from the unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam),
Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)*



Notice of Fire Order in the DTES – Tent and Structure Removal on Hastings Street UPDATE

The City is finalizing storage options to secure people's personal belongings before we begin structures removal and anticipate the necessary resources and locations will be in place by early next week. Removal of structures will begin **August 9th**.

What Happens Now?

Now to Monday, Aug 8

- People are encouraged to start complying with the Order requirements by removing their structures from the sidewalk

Tuesday, Aug 9 Onwards

- City staff will work with those sheltering outdoors to remove structures
- Further details are still to be determined and will be shared when confirmed

What Does Enforcement Look Like?

The City will work with individuals and partners to remove structures, working one block at a time, and focusing on the highest fire/life safety risk areas first.

Where Can I Store My Belongings?

The City is working with community partners to arrange storage for people in the immediate term.

- We will provide more information as part of street cleaning and community outreach.
- The City is also working with community partners to finalize storage solutions at other locations, including longer-term daily access storage in drop-in spaces. Storage options will be available by August 9.

What Will the City Do?

- We will continue to work on delivering washrooms (Pigeon Park, Washroom Trailer), storage and drop-in space, and a food program.
- Homelessness (Carnegie) Outreach will continue outreach work to ensure we know people's needs
- We will continue working with BC Housing on housing and shelter options.
- We will work with VCH and Indigenous partners on mental health and Indigenous healing and wellness program

Why are tents and structures being removed on Hastings Street?

The City's Street and Traffic By-law prohibits structures on sidewalks and the City enforces this by-law. We are also responding to a Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) Order to immediately remove tents and structures along East Hastings Street, due to numerous urgent safety concerns. The City has been working with community to clean streets, remove garbage, establish fire watch stewards and remove and store propane tanks and other flammable materials.

Due to fire risk to everyone, including people living in tents and buildings, the following must be removed:

- Tents, tarps, furniture and other structures
- Anything blocking building entrances, exits, and fire hook-ups

From: "Schouls, Michelle" <Michelle.Schouls@vancouver.ca>
To: "Amrolia, Armin" <Armin.Amrolia@vancouver.ca>
Date: 8/4/2022 9:09:56 AM
Subject: FW: 390 Main update re: VFRS order
Attachments: 390 Main - ground floor plan - Aug 3 2022 temporary use scope.pdf
390 Main Street LICENCE AGREEMENT.pdf
390 Main Street HBM Assessment Report - Main Floor Upgrade Work.pdf

Hi Armin,

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Please see below and attached for some amazing quick work the REFM team, along with DBL, has done this week to support Fire and ACCS in the removal of the tents on Hastings to provide the people with dignified storage for their items for a temporary 3 month period.

Excellent job, all!!!

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Thanks

Michelle

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From: Healey, Courtney <Courtney.Healey@vancouver.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 5:12 PM

To: Schouls, Michelle <Michelle.Schouls@vancouver.ca>

Cc: Halverson, Matthew <Matthew.Halverson@vancouver.ca>; Simmer, Tara <Tara.Simmer@vancouver.ca>

Subject: 390 Main update re: VFRS order

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Hi Michelle,

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You had asked for a summary of the 390 Main project to operationalize it as one of the short-term storage locations in response to VFRS order to clear street structures in DTES. Here it is. All has gone surprisingly well so far and I'm grateful to every REFM/DBL colleague I've pulled into this tornado! (Aleks Riminchan and Davinder Singh in Property Management, Ramon Blandino and Rebecca Yanciw in Environmental Services, Leighton Williams and Dan Honan in DBL)

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Site and Background: 390 Main is the Four Corners Bank Building at Main and Hastings diagonal from Carnegie Centre. It's a 12,000sf one-story building with full finished basement and partial mezzanine. The building is sprinklered throughout with fire alarm and monitoring system. The building is zoned Office, was formerly ACCESS Employment Centre and has been vacant since October 2021

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I'm working with Social on a related small study to look at long-term change of use to Social Service and any triggered building upgrades, kitchen renovations, etc. This study is expected to conclude in October around the end of the temporary license and we will re-evaluate the approach to the space and use at that time.

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Scope:

□-~Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing will have a 3-month license to operate the Main floor only as, essentially a coat check for people's belongings (i.e. secure community storage with daily and overnight access to deposit and retrieve stuff (tents, tarps, bed rolls, belongings, etc). These will be stored in tall rolling garbage bins and locked behind an existing security gate inside that separates the public zone of the floor from the staff zone.

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□-~Basement and Mezzanine will be locked off with no access. Following a walkthrough with the Operator I drafted a scope of work attached for some minor temporary interior modifications to further restrict access beyond the Main Floor as requested by the Operator.

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Departmental Responses:

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□-~**PDS:** (John Greer) agreed that a change of use will not be required and we will revisit following the study and the 3-month license (response attached)

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□-~**RES:** (Emily Aeng) has drafted the license agreement attached, I reviewed and the attached draft has been shared with the Operator.

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□-~**REFM Property Management:** agreed to engage one of their prequalified handyman contractors for this scope. That contractor has been out to site and provided an initial quote of approx. \$6k for the work (this will be paid by ACCS Operations budget through the \$ 240k Sandra has approved for this 3-month term including \$20k for startup costs like this.

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□-~**REFM Environmental Services:** I reviewed the scope w/ them and luckily we already have a full assessment report of this building from a recent leak that determined there is no asbestos, some areas do contain lead paint and they have recommended low-moderate lead safe work procedures that they will review with the contractor prior to start of work next Tuesday. Report attached.

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□-~**DBL:** I met with Building Inspector on site this afternoon to walk through the proposed modifications and we made some adjustments to the initial location and configuration of item #4 to accommodate existing sprinkler heads and stairs that aren't shown on the plan... Inspector asked that we also swap out the existing double-sided storefront locks on both Entry Doors and Property Management will do this themselves with their locksmith. No issues with proposed use or any of the other interior items proposed. Inspector will come back out to check once the work is complete. Work is scheduled to occur Tues-Thurs next week and the operator will move in immediately following inspector sign-off.

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Let me know if you have any questions!

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Courtney Healey, Architect AIBC

Project Manager | FACILITIES PLANNING | REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

CITY OF VANCOUVER 507 West Broadway, Suite 302 Vancouver BC V5Z 0B4

t: 604-829-9330 | m: **s.15(1)(f)** | e: Courtney.Healey@vancouver.ca

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I am humbly thankful to live and work on the unceded territories of the
xʷməθN̓θ̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxw̓mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał
(Tsleil-Waututh) nations

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DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY:				PROJECT DESCRIPTION:				SHEET TITLE:			
VANCOUVER GENERAL				390 MAIN ST.				Proposed offices			
3689 East Vancouver, BC V5M 1C2											
604 430 3004											
DATE:				SCALE:				SHEET:			
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LICENCE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the _____ day of _____, 2022.

BETWEEN:

CITY OF VANCOUVER,
a municipal corporation with offices
at 453 West 12th Avenue,
in the City of Vancouver,
Province of British Columbia V5Y 1V4

(the "City")

AND:

VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE SOCIETY (VACPC),
1719 Franklin Street,
in the City of Vancouver,
Province of British Columbia V5L 1P6

(the "User")

Lands:

Main floor portion of a building having a civic address of:

390 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. and a legal description of:

City of Vancouver

Parcel Identifier: 015-684-016
LOT 10 BLOCK 10 PLAN VAP184 DIST RICT LOT 196 NWD GROUP 1,
AMENDED.

(the "Lands") as shown in Appendix A

Term: _____ to _____, and
month to month thereafter, subject to earlier termination as herein provided.

WHEREAS:

A. The User desires to conduct certain Work (as hereinafter defined) on the
Lands; and

B. The City requires the User to execute this Agreement prior to performing the
Work,

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT in consideration of the
covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and other good and valuable consideration

(the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged and agreed to by each of the parties), the parties hereto hereby covenant and agree with each other as follows:

1. Term

The City hereby grants to the User a non-exclusive licence to use the Lands for the purposes set out herein from _____ to _____ and month to month thereafter, subject to earlier termination as herein provided.

2. Restrictions on Hours of Operation

The User shall only exercise its rights under this Agreement on the days and times permitted by the applicable City of Vancouver by-laws.

3. Insurance

The User shall obtain and maintain during the Term general commercial liability insurance with a limit of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for loss, damage, injury or death arising out of any one occurrence. The policy shall name the City and its servants and agents as insureds thereunder and shall indemnify and protect the City, its servants and agents against all claims for any loss, damage, injury or death to any person or persons and for damage to any public or private property occurring within or about the Lands or arising by virtue of the User's occupation and/or use of the Lands. The policy shall contain such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the City's Director of Risk Management. The User shall provide the City with satisfactory proof of such coverage prior to commencement of the Term of this Agreement.

4. Fees

The User agrees to pay to the City a fee in the amount of \$1.00 plus appropriate taxes, for use of the Lands.

5. Use

The User shall use the Lands for the purpose of enter purpose of office and storage (the "Work").

6. Regulations and By-laws

The User shall, at its own expense, comply with and abide by all laws, by-laws and lawful orders which touch and concern the Lands or the performance of the Work.

7. No Assignment

The rights granted to the User hereby are personal to the User and the User may not assign or otherwise transfer these rights.

8. Lands Licenced "As Is"

The User acknowledges that the City has made no representations or warranties as to the state of repair of the Lands, the safety of the Lands, the location of any utilities or City works thereon, the stability or state of the soil thereon, or the suitability of the Lands for any business, activity or purpose whatsoever. The City shall not be obliged to furnish any services or facilities or to make repairs or alterations in or to the Lands.

9. Utility Services

Prior to conducting the Work the User shall contact any applicable utility companies or municipal officials to identify any underground utility locations located on or adjacent to the Lands. The User will then take any appropriate safety measures to ensure that the Work does not damage or affect any utilities located on or adjacent to the Lands. The User shall pay for or cause to be paid when due all charges for any gas, electricity, light, heat, power, water and other utilities and services used in or supplied to the Lands and improvements thereon throughout the Term and to indemnify and to keep indemnified the City from and against payment of all losses, costs, charges and expenses occasioned by or arising from any and all such charges.

10. Repair and Maintenance

During the Term the User shall, at the User's cost:

- (a) keep that portion of the Lands necessary to conduct the Work or directly affected by the Work (the "Working Area") in good order and condition;
- (b) not permit or suffer waste or injury to the Lands or any part thereof and shall not use or occupy or permit to be used or occupied the Lands or any part thereof for any unlawful purpose;
- (c) assume responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the Working Area where such maintenance and repair would not be required but for the User's use and occupation of the Lands;
- (d) maintain the Working Area in a sanitary, neat, tidy and safe condition and free from nuisance at all times;
- (e) not release, dump, spill or place, or allow to be released, dumped, spilled or released on the Lands any waste or special waste (as defined in the Environmental Management Act (British Columbia), as amended), or any toxic substance (as defined in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (Canada), as amended) or any matter which the British Columbia Ministry of Environment considers a risk to the environment or to human health; and
- (f) repair any damage caused to the Lands by the User or its officials, officers, agents, employees, servants, contractors or subcontractors to the satisfaction of the City.

11. Indemnity

The User shall release, indemnify and save harmless the City and its officials, officers, agents and employees from all costs, losses, damages, builder's liens, compensation and expenses of any nature whatsoever relating to or arising from the User's occupation and/or use of the Lands and from all actions, claims, demands, suits and judgments against the City or its officials, officers, agents and employees on account of injury or death occurring in or about the Lands and damage to or loss of property occurring in or about the Lands or relating to or arising from the User's occupation and/or use of the Lands (including claims under the Occupier's Liability Act).

12. Default

If the User defaults in the payment of any monies due under this Agreement or breaches any provision of this Agreement and fails to remedy the same within five (5) business days of receipt of notice from the City, the City may immediately terminate this Agreement.

13. Restoration

Prior to the end of the Term of this Agreement, the User shall restore the Lands to the condition it was immediately prior to the commencement of the Term to the satisfaction of the City.

14. Early Termination

The parties hereto agree that either the City or the User may, at any time during the Term, terminate this Agreement and the licence granted hereby upon giving to the User or the City, as the case may be, thirty (30) days written notice. Upon notice of termination being given this licence shall terminate at the end of such thirty (30) day period and the City shall be entitled to re-enter and retake possession in the same manner and to the same extent as if the term hereby had been determined by effluxion of time.

15. Time is of the Essence

Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement, save as herein and otherwise provided.

16. City's Remedies Are Cumulative

The remedies provided to the City herein are cumulative and are in addition to any remedies to the City available at law or in equity including injunctive relief. No remedy shall be exclusive and the City may have recourse to any or all remedies simultaneously or at various times.

17. Delivery of Notices

Any notice required to be given hereunder may be delivered as follows:

to the City:

CITY OF VANCOUVER

Site address: c/o The Director of Real Estate Services

320 - 507 W Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 0B4

Mailing address: 453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4A8

to the User:

VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE SOCIETY (VACPC)

Mailing Address: 1719 Franklin Street, Vancouver, BC V5L 1P6

Attention: Norm Leech
ExecutiveDirector@VACPC.ORG
604.678.3790

18 Headings

The headings appearing in this Agreement have been inserted for reference and as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit or enlarge the scope or meaning of this Agreement or any provisions thereof.

19. Relationship

It is the express intention of the City and the User that the granting of this Licence will not create between the City and the User a landlord and tenant relationship. It is specifically agreed that this Agreement does not grant an interest in land to the User.

20. Applicable Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

21. Independent Legal Advice

The User acknowledges that the User is entitled to seek independent legal advice before executing this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[Signatory page to follow]

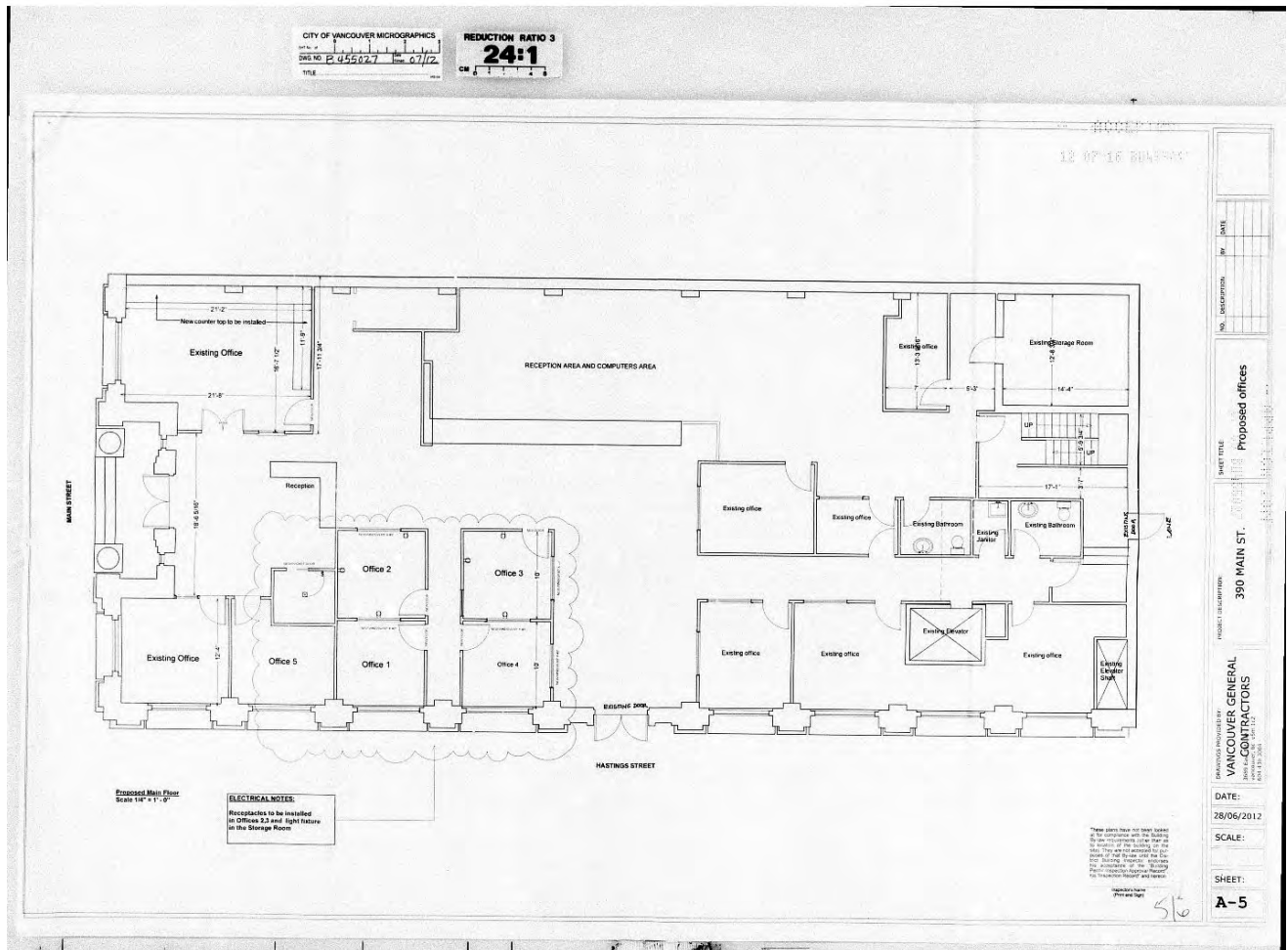
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per:

Authorized Signatory

VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE SOCIETY
per:

Authorized Signatory

The Lands - Main Floor at 390 Main Street Vancouver





REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
Environmental Services, Hazardous Building Materials Team

**Hazardous Building Materials Assessment of:
390 Main Street - Main Level**

Sampling Date: 2003 / 2016 and 2019

Building Code: 7906

Work Order Number: 700371500

Work Requested by: Courtney Healey

Address: 390 Main Street, Vancouver

Surveyor(s): Ramon Blandino

Purpose: Hazardous Building Materials Targeted Assessment to Facilitate Building Interior Finishes Upgrades

Introduction

A City of Vancouver Hazardous Building Materials Technician has completed a targeted hazardous building materials assessment to facilitate maintenance works at the building located at 390 Main Street. This report details the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the assessment conducted.

Scope of Work

This assessment was conducted to facilitate building maintenance work. The scope of the maintenance work, as provided by REFM Project Manager - Courtney Healey via e-mail and Work Order request includes the following:

- Site drawing showing the Scope of Work impacting the building interior finishes

The scope of work related to the targeted hazardous building materials assessment was limited to multiple locations at Main Level and included:

- A review of existing hazardous building materials information in the hazardous building materials inventory program (HMI).
- Preparing a report for the targeted hazardous building materials assessment detailing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Methodology

The targeted hazardous building materials assessment involved a non-destructive inspection of the area(s) that are expected to be disturbed by the building maintenance works described above. Hidden and below-ground materials were not addressed and any hidden materials which may contain asbestos, lead, PCBs or mercury should be assumed to be hazardous until sampling demonstrates otherwise.

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Representative sampling for asbestos and lead analysis was conducted in accordance with the BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (OHSR) and guidelines. The samples selected for asbestos and lead analysis were based on work experience and the BC OHSR and guidelines. Samples were submitted to City of Vancouver approved laboratories for asbestos and lead analysis in accordance with the BC OHSR. A visual inspection was conducted for other hazardous building materials including mercury, PCBs, silica, and mould.

Partial assessments of this facility have been conducted in previous years. Results from previous sampling for asbestos and lead have been verified and are included in this assessment report.

Results and Observations

Asbestos-Containing Materials

Multiple building materials samples for asbestos analysis were collected during previous assessments and are applicable to the maintenance works. The following table (Table 1) summarizes the verified samples collected during previous assessments:

Table 1: Samples for Asbestos Analysis Collected During Previous Assessments

Sample ID	Sample Location	Sample Description	Analysis Results	Asbestos-containing* (Yes/No)
938.169	Main Level - Janitor's Room Walls	Drywall Taping Compound	Clear	No
938.170	Main level - Janitor's Room Walls	Floor Tile and Mastic	Clear	No
938.171	Main level - Stairwell	Drywall Taping Compound	Clear	No
938.173	Main Level - Compressor Room	Drywall Taping Compound	Clear	No
938.174	Main Level – Safety Box	Drywall Taping Compound	Clear	No
938.175	Main Level - Entrance	Drywall Taping Compound	Clear	No
938.181	Lobby – Above T bar	12" Ceiling Tile and Adhesive	Clear	No
938.182	Lobby – Above T bar	12" Ceiling Tile and Adhesive	Clear	No
938.183	Lobby – Above T bar	Ceiling Plaster	Clear	No
114-A01	Rm #114 - West Wall	Plaster	Clear	No
114-A02	Rm #114 – West Wall	Skim Coat	Clear	No

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114-A03	Rm #114 – West Wall	Skim Coat	Clear	No
114-A04	Rm #114 – West Wall	Drywall Joint Compound	Clear	No
114-A05	Rm #114 – West Wall	White Caulking on Drywall	Clear	No

* Asbestos-containing is defined as a manufactured article or material that has been determined to contain at least 0.5% asbestos. If vermiculite is present, it will be deemed asbestos-containing.

The following materials that may be disturbed by the maintenance works were found to be non-asbestos containing:

- Drywall finishes throughout the building;
- Plaster / Skim Coat surfaces
- Vinyl floor tiles and
- T- Bar ceiling tiles.

Asbestos-containing materials are not expected to be disturbed by the maintenance works.

Laboratory sample analysis results, and a floor plan are attached.

Lead-Containing Materials

A total of one (1) sample for lead analysis was collected during previous assessments and is applicable to the maintenance works. The following table (Table 2) summarizes the verified samples collected during previous assessments:

Table 2: Samples for Lead Analysis Collected During This Assessment

Sample ID	Sample Location	Sample Description	Analysis Results	Lead-containing (Yes/No)?*
114-PB01	Walls Throughout	White on Brown Paints	13300mg/kg	Yes

* Lead-containing is defined as a surface coating that has been determined to contain at least 90mg/kg lead.

The following materials that may be disturbed by the maintenance works have been determined to be lead-containing:

- Paints on doors and door trims throughout the building; and
- Paints on plaster / drywall walls and ceilings throughout the building.

Laboratory sample results, and a floor plan are attached.

Other Hazardous Building Materials

Mercury:

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Equipment and building components containing mercury are not expected to be disturbed during the maintenance works.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls:

Equipment and building components containing polychlorinated biphenyl's are not expected to be disturbed during the maintenance works

Silica:

Silica is expected to be present in the concrete floor, drywall walls, and plaster walls within the work area.

Mould:

It is not expected to be present / disturbed during the maintenance works.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Hazardous Building Materials may be present in concealed and hidden locations. If suspect hazardous building materials are encountered that have not been sampled, stop work that will disturb the material and contact the City of Vancouver Hazardous Building Materials Team.

When left intact and undisturbed, hazardous building materials in good condition do not pose a health risk to building occupants. There is a potential for exposure only when the material becomes damaged to the extent that the material becomes airborne and can be inhaled or ingested.

Below is a summary and recommendations of the hazardous building materials that may be encountered during the maintenance works.

Asbestos-Containing Materials

Asbestos-containing materials were not determined to be present in the area(s) expected to be disturbed by maintenance works.

Vermiculite (a suspected Asbestos Containing Material - ACM) insulation should only be disturbed following a minimum of enhanced moderate risk safe work procedures. This disturbance work can be conducted by a qualified abatement contractor.

Lead-Containing Materials

Lead-containing materials were determined to be present in the area(s) expected to be disturbed by maintenance works.

The lead based painted building materials should only be disturbed following a minimum of moderate risk lead safe work procedures. Depending on the potential receptors and the work to be performed, paints with lead contents as low as 90 mg/kg can result in dangerous airborne lead levels. **A task, and site-specific risk assessment must be conducted by City of Vancouver's Hazardous Materials Team to determine if an Exposure Control Plan and safe work procedures are required** (Lead-Containing Paints and Coatings: Preventing Exposure in the Construction Industry, WSBC 2017)

Based on the maintenance scope of work, a minimum of low-moderate risk lead safe work procedures should be followed for the disturbance to the lead-containing paint. This work must be conducted by trained individuals following the appropriate safe operating procedure or the work can be conducted by a qualified abatement contractor.

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Other Hazardous Building Materials

Mercury:

Mercury is suspected to be present within the fluorescent light tubes and within thermostats in the maintenance work area. Should the suspect mercury components be removed, they should be separated from the normal waste stream and disposed of in accordance with the BC Hazardous Waste Regulation.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls:

Polychlorinated biphenyls are suspected to be present within the ballasts in fluorescent light fixtures in the maintenance work area. Should the suspect PCB components be removed, they must be sorted and disposed of in accordance with Environment and Climate Change Canada.

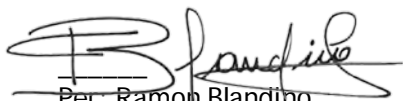
Silica:

Silica-containing materials are present and are expected to be disturbed within the maintenance work area. For disturbance to silica-containing materials, dust control measures must be implemented.

Mould:

Mould was not observed within the maintenance work area.

Report Prepared by City of Vancouver Hazardous Building Materials Team



Per: Ramon Blandino
Hazardous Building Materials - Project Coordinator
AHERA Certification No. CABIR-21-144
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / REFM

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Laboratory Reports
2. Floor Plans

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1. LABORATORY REPORTS:



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February 13, 2003

City of Vancouver
Environmental Services Department
#300-515 West 10th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.
V5Y 4A8

Attn: Allen Lee

RE: Bulk Sample Results - 390 Main Street (COV Bldg# 6906)

A.C.M. Environmental Corporation (ACM) was contacted by Lauren Corlett from the City of Vancouver Environmental Services Department and asked to perform rush analysis of thirty-six (36) samples of materials which were suspected of containing asbestos. The samples arrived at our laboratory on the morning of February 12, 2003 and were analyzed on the same day.

Results and Methodology

The samples suspected of containing asbestos was analyzed in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia 0205 Method for identifying asbestos. The method determines the content of asbestos-containing materials by type and percent volume using a combination of polarized light microscopy, morphology, refractive index, extinction, sign of elongation, birefringence and dispersion staining colors.

The results of the materials submitted are attached.

Samples not completely destroyed in testing will be retained for a maximum of sixty (60) days.

If there are any questions concerning this report, please contact our office at 873-8599.

Brian Saarela, CEI
Senior Project Manager
A.C.M. Environmental Corporation

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HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS
ASSESSMENT REPORT390 MAIN STREET
Main Level - Upgrade

2022/08/03

February 12, 2003

Bulk Sample Results:
City of Vancouver, Environmental Services
390 Main Street (COV Building #6906)

Sample Submission Number	Submitted Date	Submitted by	Sample Location	Sample Description	Chrysotile Asbestos	Amosite Asbestos	Crocidolite Asbestos
938.169	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-060, main, janitor's rm (SE)	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.170	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-061, main, janitor's rm (SE)	black floor tile & mastic	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.171	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-062, main, stairwell	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.172	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-063, main, sink area	caulking	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.173	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-064, main, SE corner back comp.rm	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.174	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-065, main, safety box viewing o/s NW	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.175	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-066, main, N.end of entry door	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.176	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-067, bsmt, S.wall vault	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.177	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-068, bsmt, N.end, N.wall	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.178	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-069, bsmt, storage rm SE corner	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.179	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-070, 2nd, mech. rm	pipe elbow insulation	60-80 %	None detected	None detected
938.180	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-071, 2nd, mech. rm	pipe elbow insulation	60-80 %	None detected	None detected
938.181	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-072, lobby, abv T-bar on wall	12" ceiling tile & adhesive	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.182	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-073, lobby, abv T-bar	12" ceiling tile & adhesive	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.183	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-074, lobby, abv T-bar	ceiling plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.184	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-075, lobby	new ceiling tile	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.185	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-076, 2nd flr	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.186	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-077, 2nd flr	black 12" floor tile	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.187	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-078, 2nd flr, elev. lobby	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.188	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-079, 2nd flr, lunchroom	drywall taping compound	1-10 %	None detected	None detected
938.189	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-080, bsmt, E.end of N.wall, hallway	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.190	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-082, bsmt, men's w/r, S.wall	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.191	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-083, bsmt, men's w/r, entry	brown mottled 12" flr tile	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.192	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-084, bsmt, men's w/r, entry	floor tile mastic	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.193	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-085, bsmt, women's w/r, W.wall	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.194	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-086, bsmt, women's w/r, NE corner	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.195	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-087, bsmt, women's w/r, entry SE	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.196	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-088, bsmt, men's & women's w/r	grouting	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.197	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-089, bsmt, hallway, S.wall	plaster	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.198	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-090, bsmt	black 12" flr tile accent	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.199	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-091, bsmt, dwms lrg storage, E.wall	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.200	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-092, bsmt, E.side stairs hallway	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.201	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-093, bsmt, o/s corner of stairwell	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.202	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-094, bsmt, E.end room, ceiling/wall	plaster coat	None detected	None detected	None detected
938.203	03.02.12	Lauren Corlett	#2003-095, 2nd flr stairwell	drywall taping compound	None detected	None detected	None detected

The above samples have been analyzed in accordance with WCB method 0205.

Ref:938B39BS

**Asbestos Analytical Services Ltd.**

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ASBESTOS ANALYSIS REPORT

Project Location: Four Corners Bank,
390 Main Street, Vancouver, BC

Reference #s: Building Code 7906, Notification #10313546

Number of Samples: 7

AASL Report #: **B01615**

Analyst: Gabrielle Sutton

Report Date: 20OCT2016

Method: NIOSH Method 9002

# B01615	Sample	Sub-Sample	Sample Description / Location	Results	ASB
1. 1	114-A01	Layer 1 - thin brown / dark grey / dark teal (paint)	Plaster, Bottom Layer, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
1. 2 *	114-A01	Layer 2 - white, hard, thick	Plaster, Bottom Layer, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
2 *	114-A02	Single Phase - white, hard	Skim Coat, Middle Layer, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
3. 1 *	114-A03	Layer 1 - white, hard	Skim Coat, Top Layer, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
3. 2	114-A03	Layer 2 - beige, woody	Skim Coat, Top Layer, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Cellulose Fibres < 1 % Non-Fibrous	—
4	114-A04	Single Phase - white	Drywall Joint Compound, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
5. 1 **	114-A05	Layer 1 - creamy-white, rubbery	White Caulking on Drywall, Side of Window Seal, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
5. 2	114-A05	Layer 2 - thin light beige (paint)	White Caulking on Drywall, Side of Window Seal, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
5. 3	114-A05	Layer 3 - white	White Caulking on Drywall, Side of Window Seal, West Wall, Above Radiator Heaters, Office, Room 114	Asbestos Fibres Not Detected 90 - 100 % Non-Fibrous	—
6 ** §	EXT-A01	Single Phase - dark grey-brown, rubbery	Grey Caulking, Outer Window Seal, West Exterior Window, Outside Room 114, Exterior	0.5 - 1 % Chrysotile Asbestos > 99 % Non-Fibrous	T
7 **	EXT-A02	Single Phase - black	Black Mastic, Inner Window Seal, West Exterior Window, Outside Room 114, Exterior	1 - 10 % Chrysotile Asbestos > 90 % Non-Fibrous	T

Comments

Samples analyzed in accordance with NIOSH Laboratory Method 9002

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) BAPAT Program Laboratory Number 204301

Estimated Limit of Detection is <0.5 %

ASB = Asbestos present/absent in material

T = Asbestos Present

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Attention: Jun Han Poon

City of Vancouver
West Broadway
320-507 West Broadway Avenue
Vancouver, BC
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Your P.O. #: 4700002203
Your Project #: 10313546
Site Location: HAZMAT CHECK IN ROOM 114, FOUR CORNERS
BANK-390 MAIN STREET
Your C.O.C. #: 08428746

Report Date: 2016/10/20
Report #: R2286084
Version: 1 - Final

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

MAXXAM JOB #: B692589

Received: 2016/10/19, 16:20

Sample Matrix: PAINT
Samples Received: 1

Analyses	Quantity	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Laboratory Method	Analytical Method
Elements by ICP-AES (acid extr. solid)	1	2016/10/20	2016/10/20	BBY7SOP-00018	EPA 6010c R3 m

Reference Method suffix "m" indicates test methods incorporate validated modifications from specific reference methods to improve performance.
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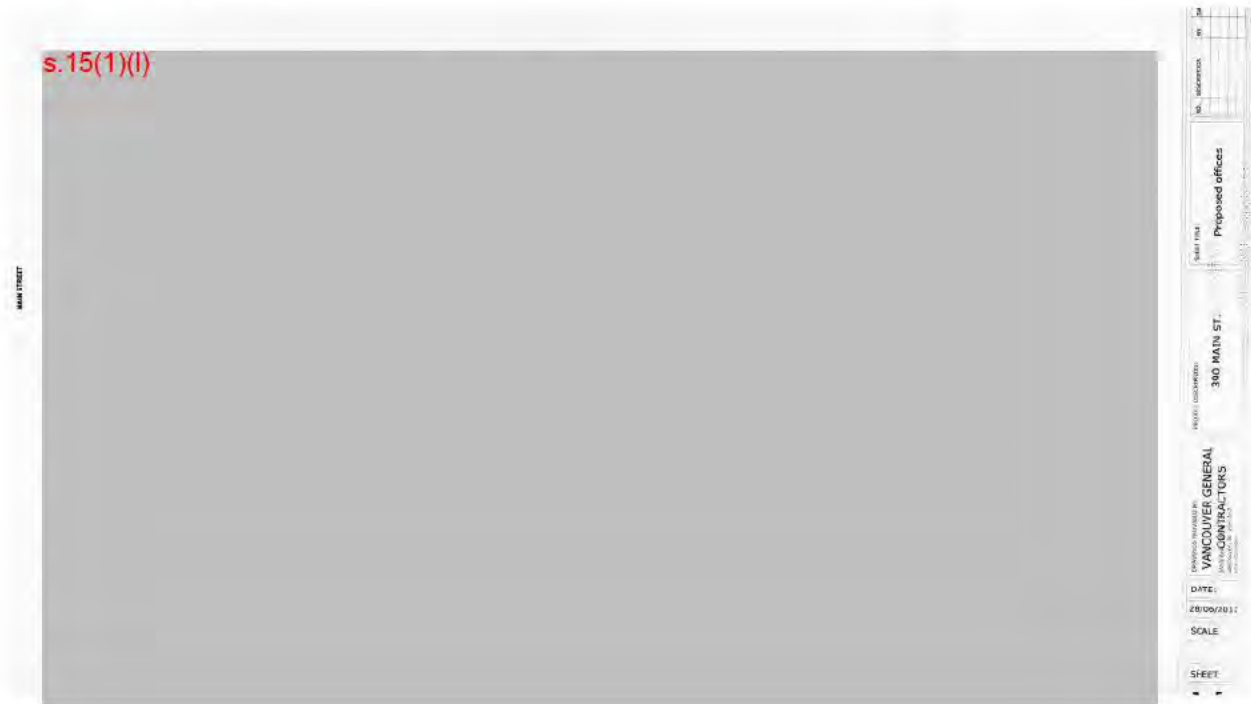
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City of Vancouver
Client Project #: 10313546
Site Location: HAZMAT CHECK IN ROOM 114, FOUR CORNERS
BANK-390 MAIN STREET
Your P.O. #: 4700002203
Sampler Initials: JHP

LEAD IN PAINT CHIPS (PAINT)

Maxxam ID		PU7326		
Sampling Date		2016/10/18 15:30		
COC Number		08428746		
	UNITS	114-PB01-ROOM 114 (OFFICE)-WEST WALL & THROUGHOUT- WHITE/BROWN PAINT	RDL	QC Batch
Total Metals by ICP				
Total Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	13300	3.0	8439722
RDL = Reportable Detection Limit				

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["Scollard, Taryn" <taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca>](mailto:taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca)
Date: 7/13/2022 10:08:54 AM
Subject: FW: Hastings St - Encampment Committee
Attachments: Fire Safety in Encampments Resource.pdf

Hi Sandra and Taryn

Please see the reply from the Fire Commissioner and my communication regarding the cross-ministry group.

Additionally, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services- Public Education Branch will be training, 8 Block Stewards and two Staff with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users, on Wednesday 13, 2022 at the Hastings Open Market starting at 3pm.

Topics covered will include Fire Extinguisher Use, Tent and Tarp Safety, Fire and Life Safety around Buildings, Cooking and Open Flame Hazards, Spacing for Safety, and Lithium Ion Battery awareness.

The message to the occupants is that this encampment isn't safe but we want you to be as safe as you can under the current conditions. We still need to have the tents removed.

Karen

From: Godlonton, Brian EMBC:EX <Brian.Godlonton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>
Subject: [EXT] RE: Hastings St - Encampment Committee

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Good afternoon, Chief Fry

Thank you for your email. Upon its receipt I shared your concerns with the Cross-Ministry Encampment Group and the Building and Safety Standards Branch as we discussed yesterday. My assistant deputy followed up with the Cross-Ministry group contact, Sarah Petrescu, who is a wealth of information. Fire safety in encampments is of concern across the province, and they've put together a Fire Safety in Encampments Resource that I have attached here for your use. Sarah has flagged your fire safety concerns to the group, which includes Coastal Health and BC Housing.

Sarah further advised that the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Fire Rescue Services have primary responsibility in addressing fire safety concerns, from camp inspections noting all violations, to

planning with the City outreach staff to address violations, to fire orders should violations go unaddressed. Any removal of structures or hazards is the responsibility of the City of Vancouver. BC Housing can provide support with rehousing if the City decamps the area, and Coastal Health can provide mental health and addictions support should the City decide to evict.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner can support your department in conducting investigations with your team, and can also assist in drafting fire orders from your department. In addition, the Building and Safety Standards Branch is available to provide support from the codes and standards perspective. Ultimately, the City of Vancouver encampment outreach team needs to be working very closely with your department to ensure the fire safety of all concerned in the DTES – those in encampments and those in the buildings surrounding the encampments. We can help arrange a meeting with the Cross-Ministry Encampment Group if that would be of assistance to you.

I look forward to hearing from you about connecting you with the Cross-Ministry Encampment Group and/or with Building and Safety Standards Branch.

Sincerely,
Brian

Brian Godlonton

Fire Commissioner

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From: Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>

Sent: July 11, 2022 16:35

To: Godlonton, Brian EMBC:EX <Brian.Godlonton@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Hastings St - Encampment Committee

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Fire Commissioner Godlonton

I am hoping that you are still meeting regularly with the cross ministry encampment team. In the past couple of weeks, the area known as the downtown eastside, primarily Hastings St resembles an

encampment on the sidewalks.

This has escalated to the point of 2 solid blocks of tents/structures and tarps against buildings and blocking doors.

While I appreciate that there are advocates for many of these vulnerable people. I am extremely concerned with the safety in this area. The BC Fire Code is strict on combustibles materials against buildings risk of fire and under the BCBC Division B: Part 2, Section 2.4 Fire Hazards. Whether a building is sprinklered or not, a fire starting on the outside may quickly travel up the side of the building, under the sheaths and into the roof structure. We quickly saw this last week in this exact neighbourhood. We have had over 770 structure and outdoor fires in our downtown area (Halls 8,2,1) this year already. Fortunately, the response of our fire department and those buildings with sprinklers have reduced the impact from many of those fires.

Apart from the risk to the buildings, and what can potentially happen to the hundreds of housing units located in the DTES, those living in these tents, structures are at a grave risk from being able to escape in the event of an emergency. Access to the buildings is also an issue for our firefighters and other responders.

I am hoping that the ministries, especially BC Housing, the OFC and mental health and addictions can come together ASAP to step up and assist in assisting with either housing options, removal of the structures/hazards and/or treatment. I would be more than happy to speak to the committee, but also recognize that immediate action needs to occur. I do not have all of the answers but we need a team approach and all hands on deck for this one. As you know, removing tents, propane, belongings can be very traumatic and challenging.

I am available most of this week (except Friday morning) if there is something that may help in addressing this. I would like to recommend that your cross ministry team come and understand firsthand what we are concerned about.



Karen Fry (she/her)

Karen Fry | Fire Chief/General Manager
Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

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I am humbly thankful that I live and work on the territories of the xʷməθ̓ŋʷəəm (Musqueam [can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]), Skwx̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish [can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]) and ǯ̓ṇéilwətaʔ / ǯ̓ṇéš̓N̓w̓ailh (Waututh [can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]) Nations.

FIRE SAFETY RESOURCE: Homeless encampments

Fire safety is a common concern at any campsite including homeless encampments. While encampments can offer those experiencing homelessness a sense of community and security compared to living in isolation, there may also be health and safety hazards present. Preventing and mitigating these risks is best addressed through a collaborative approach from local partners. This approach should be grounded in the principles of harm reduction, health promotion, and respect for the dignity and rights of people living in encampments.

Without access to heat, cooking facilities, or fresh water, people living in encampments may have to choose between safety and survival. Campers may use or store flammables in or near tents and in vehicles, use candles, propane heaters and cook with fire often in enclosed spaces. Substance use, health and mental health issues, and poverty may also impact a person's ability to shelter safely outdoors. These dangers can increase in extreme cold when people are desperate to stay warm and in hot, dry weather when wildfires and grassfires are a concern. *Keeping people in encampments safe and healthy is the priority, namely when safe and suitable housing are not available.*

The Fire Safety Resource includes basic fire prevention information and considerations for community partners when developing and implementing **local action plans** to address fire safety, prevention and response in homeless encampments. Plans should detail roles, responsibilities, engagement and communication strategies, and key activities to reduce risk and promote safety for those living in encampments. Partners may include:

- Local fire departments and prevention services;
- Local government (including bylaw, police, sanitation/waste disposal);
- Health authority, public and environmental health officers;
- Local First Nations and other Indigenous leaders and service providers;
- Homelessness outreach and service providers; and
- Community groups, volunteer organizations and people sheltering in encampments.

Strategies for fire prevention and fire protection:

Engage outreach providers and communicate with people in encampments:

- Service providers and first responders should engage and communicate with campers to identify, explain, and mitigate potential risks and hazards:
 - Develop a rapport with campers, communicating potential risks or hazards and explaining how they represent a danger to life
 - Consider implementing regular 'walk-throughs' to assess for and address hazards
 - Ensure accessible information (i.e. signage) is in place, with fire safety tips, such as the proper handling and storing of flammable materials, liquids, and gases (e.g. firewood, kindling, gasoline, propane, etc.) Work with the occupants to find ways to safely address the hazards and what to do in case of a fire (fire safety plan, call 911, etc.)
- If providing training on fire safety and response collaborative engagement with campers is unsuccessful, fire services and community partners may:
 - Discuss the use of inspection authority under the local bylaw or the Fire Services Act
 - Discuss having the local fire chief issue an order under the bylaw or the Fire Services Act to the owner or occupier to remove the hazard(s) (see local bylaw or Section 21 and 22 of the Fire Services Act)
 - Contact the local Fire Service Advisor from the Office of the Fire Commissioner for advice or assistance: 1-888-988-9488

General Safety for Encampments:

- Ensure tents and structures (i.e. lean-tos) are separated by at least two metres and have a clear path of exit out of the encampment to a safe area
- Ensure encampments are clear of combustible material, clutter and debris that could impede exits or contribute to the rapid spread of fire. Remove such material and keep it away from tents or structures.
- Plan for regular garbage and waste disposal and assist with removing clutter or debris.

- If generators are used in the encampment, ensure adequate clearance from combustibles and adequate air circulation to avoid carbon monoxide buildup in or near tents and enclosed structures.
- Where appropriate, some campsites may include sacred fire ceremonies for Indigenous peoples; all participants, including local authorities and Indigenous liaisons should work toward the accommodation of safe fires for spiritual purposes.
- Consider the following interventions when developing and implementing an encampment safety plan:
 - Suitable fire protection/response equipment, such as fire suppression blankets, smoke alarms for RVs, portable fire extinguishers, or buckets of sand
 - First aid kits to treat minor injuries
 - Central cooking area that includes adequate clearance from combustibles
 - Electricity/charging stations for electrical devices whenever possible to encourage their use over open flame devices

Non-combustible ashtrays and cigarette disposal pots provided in designated smoking areas can help prevent smoking in tents.

- **Tents:** If tarps are used to cover the tents, they should be flame resistant, secured, and do not to cover more than one tent.
- No open flames should be used inside tents for heating, lighting, or cooking (i.e.: candles, propane stoves, propane heaters).
 - Battery powered lanterns should be used whenever possible but may not be cost-effective
- **Campfires:** ensure any outdoor wood burning open flame fires are supervised and are downwind with adequate separation from a tent or stored combustibles
 - Fully put out fires before leaving a campsite or before retiring for the night. Water is best
 - Keep campfires to a small, manageable size no more than 1 metre (3 feet) high by 1 metre (3 feet) in diameter and don't let it get out of hand
 - Refrain from burning garbage. The smell is unpleasant and may attract animals to your campsite
 - Keep all combustible materials, including flammable liquids, propane cylinders, lighting fluid, etc. away from the campfire
- **RVs and Vehicle Sheltering:**
 - Install at least one smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm
 - Have a fire extinguisher on hand
 - Regularly check the safety of all fuel-burning appliances, gas cylinders and pipes, and mechanical hook-ups – especially after driving on bumpy or bushy roads
 - Store all flammable liquids away from the vehicle

Additional Resources:

- BC Wildfire Prevention: [Campfire Safety – BC Parks](#)
- Handout: [A Guide to Campfires and Outdoor Stoves \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- Poster: [Campfire Safety Poster v03 \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- Poster: Open Fire Regulations and Categories https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/7539_openburningregs_posterupdate_webfile.pdf
- BC Housing Homelessness Services (shelter and outreach): <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/homelessness-services>
- BCCDC: [Heat Event Response Planning \(bccdc.ca\)](#)
- A National Protocol for Homeless Encampments in Canada, by Leilani Farha, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, and Kaitlin Schwan, lead researcher, April 2020: <http://unhousingrapp.org/user/pages/07.press-room/A%20National%20Protocol%20for%20Homeless%20Encampments%20in%20Canada.pdf>
- BCCDC Homeless Encampment COVID-19 guidance: <https://www.gathet.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID19-Homeless-Encampment-Responses-Resource-final.pdf>

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Date: 8/9/2022 7:07:05 AM
Subject: Fwd: revised operation plan
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Latest version of the plan

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: revised operation plan

Please see revised draft for our start tomorrow. Please feel free to share in your circles but note this is a draft and confidential. Let us know if you have any questions or feedback.

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From: "Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
To: "Teri Collins (Teri.Collins@gov.bc.ca)" <Teri.Collins@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 7/27/2022 10:55:16 AM
Subject: MOU - Support for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents

Hi Teri,

Thanks again for the call today. Per our conversation, the MOU is accessible at <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/memorandum-of-understanding-on-support-for-unsheltered-residents.pdf>

I am also copying Sandra Singh, Armin Amrolia and Karen Levitt in order that you have their contact info on this file. Sandra is leading our operational planning and response; Armin is also involved with this file and Karen will be covering for me over the next two weeks.

As discussed, we will share the operational plan for enforcement of the Fire Chief's order and removal of structures on Hastings St once it is finalized.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let us know.

Paul

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From: "Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
To: "Wiebe, Michael" <Michael.Wiebe@vancouver.ca>
Date: 7/18/2022 7:38:05 AM
Subject: RE: Update: East Hastings Street (July 15, 2022)

Hi Michael,

The community update that is included with the note to Council below was shared with a list of stakeholders in the neighbourhood, including 4 BIAs and a number of non-profits. We are also relying on their networks for further distribution.

In terms of the general public, our Comms team has been in contact with media over the past few weeks regarding this matter and is sharing this information with them as well.

Best,
Paul

From: Wiebe, Michael <Michael.Wiebe@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:14 PM
To: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Update: East Hastings Street (July 15, 2022)

Hi Paul,

How's the block stewardship program being communicated with the local businesses and larger population?

Regards,

Michael Wiebe
Vancouver City Councillor

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From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>

Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 5:15 PM

To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL s.15(1)(l)

Cc: City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL s.15(1)(l) Singh, Sandra
<Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>; Scollard, Taryn <taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca>

Subject: Update: East Hastings Street (July 15, 2022)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find below a community update sent today regarding East Hastings Street and work underway.

Should you receive community or media inquiries on the City's next steps, you may find the following key messages helpful:

- ☐ We recognize there is a need for meaningful improvement in the near term.
- ☐ City Crews continue to attend daily and remain committed to keeping streets in the DTES safe, clean and accessible for all in a manner that also respects the rights and challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ Staff are working directly with the community on long-term solutions and alternative service models to create an approach that supports those experiencing homelessness while keeping sidewalks and streets safe, clear and accessible for everyone.
- ☐ A block stewardship model, whereby peers work in collaboration with the City's Engineering Services team and residents to keep the sidewalks and doorways clean and passable, has been initiated with a focus on the 600 block, and is expected to be fully deployed over the next two weeks.
- ☐ These discussions are ongoing, and we will have more to share in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Taryn Scollard at taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca or Sandra Singh at sandra.singh@vancouver.ca and they will respond as part of the weekly Council Q&A update.

Best,
Paul

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From: DTES Updates

Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 4:08 PM

Subject: City of Vancouver Update: East Hastings Street (July 15, 2022)

Dear Community Stakeholder,\u8239

Sharing this information on behalf of Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, and Taryn Scollard, Acting General Manager, Engineering Services.\u8239

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Following our update on July 7, we are contacting you to provide an update on street cleaning and fire safety along East Hastings Street near Main Street in the Downtown Eastside (DTES).\u8239

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The City acknowledges the situation on these blocks has recently become worse, with the appearance of large structures, more fire hazards and a decline in cleanliness and accessibility.

City staff are working with community organizations to finalize a plan to address the situation in a way that respects the needs of people on the sidewalk, residents, non-profits and the business community. \u8239

City crews remain committed to keeping streets in the DTES clean and accessible for all in a manner that also respects the rights of and challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.\u8239 \u8239

What is happening short term?

Fire safety

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services continue to actively work with multiple internal and external agencies on short- and longer-term strategies to increase accessibility and reduce fire risk associated with propane, structures and combustible materials.

Seven community members have been assigned fire watch duties. These individuals received training from the Fire Department and have been equipped with fire extinguishers. In the coming days additional fire extinguishers will be installed in 10 housing buildings in the area to increase fire safety.

We are working with community partners and those sheltering outdoors to remove propane tanks to further reduce fire risk.

Communication

To increase communication and transparency, community meetings are being conducted at Pigeon Park every Wednesday at 11:30 am to discuss issues and processes. Non-profits are welcomed to attend to discuss safety and access issues.

Accessibility

A peer-led effort has begun to mark sidewalks to ensure building access and highlight areas where gathering and temporary camping are permitted.

Sanitation

Last week, the City deployed additional waste bins to E. Hastings to collect debris and provided litter and waste collection tools (garbage bags, gloves and other cleanup tools) to community stewards and organizations to help keep sidewalks and streets clean.\u8239

Community volunteers and peers have since collected more than 50 bags of garbage in the area and are in the process of working on sourcing a storage container for supplies until a storefront operation can be set up.

What is happening longer term?\u8239

The City will be installing a misting station in Pigeon Park and repairing the existing bathroom and water fountain. We will also be adding an additional washroom trailer to increase sanitation in the area.

Community has identified day storage of personal belongings as a key concern for those sheltering outdoors and as a key component to developing a long-term solution to maintaining clear sidewalks. We are working on finding a solution and actively exploring various models.

A block stewardship model, whereby peers work in collaboration with the City's Engineering Services team and residents to keep the sidewalks and doorways clean and passable, has been initiated with a focus on the 00 block, and is expected to be fully deployed over the next two weeks.

We will have more to share in the coming days and weeks.\u8239 We will keep everyone – individuals experiencing homelessness, businesses, community stakeholders and non-profit groups – informed as we finalize our longer-term plan.\u8239

We appreciate and thank everyone for their patience as we work through this complex situation.\u8239 \u8239

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Taryn Scollard** at taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca or **Sandra Singh** at sandra.singh@vancouver.ca.\u8239

Sincerely,

City of Vancouver

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Date: 8/5/2022 12:02:14 PM
Subject: Response to Pivot's letter RE: July 25 Order Issued by Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services
Attachments: City - Letter (Pivot Legal Society) - Hastings Street By-Laws and Fire Chiefs Order (2022-08-05) (002).pdf

Good Afternoon all,

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Attached please find our response to your July 29th letter.

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Regards,

Lon & Sandra

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From: Meenakshi Mannoe <meenakshi@pivotlegal.org>

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 3:18 PM

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Subject: [EXT] July 25 Order Issued by Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services

Importance: High

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Hello,

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Please find attached a time-sensitive letter addressed to City of Vancouver representatives. Kindly direct any response to Anna Cooper, Lyndsay Watson and myself.

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Thank you,
Meenakshi

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Meenakshi Mannoe

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August 5, 2022

Pivot Legal Society
121 Heatley Avenue
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Dear Ms. Cooper, Ms. Watson, and Ms. Mannoë,

(Please note we based your address on the pronouns identified on the Pivot website)

Thank you for your letter dated July 29 in which you outline numerous concerns related to the situation on Hasting Street. Before we respond, I would like to recognize the important role that PIVOT Legal Society plays in advocating for people who would not otherwise have representation.

In your letter you outline a number of issues and concerns related to the work to identify alternatives to VPD presence in street sweeps as well as the broader issue of how governments in BC address unsheltered homelessness.

It is important to clarify that the City never indicated it would not enforce the *Street and Traffic By-law* as it relates to keeping sidewalks clear of structures. The work with community partners on an alternative approach to "street sweeps" was intended to find an alternative to VPD presence during by-law enforcement. As you know, we have been exploring whether community organizations can play a role in helping people comply with the *Street and Traffic By-law*, recognizing that such potential partnerships do not preclude enforcement of the Street and Traffic Bylaw at some point if structures are not removed. The withdrawal of VPD from day-to-day operations should not be interpreted as a City decision to not enforce the *Street and Traffic By-law*. Instead, the VPD announcement accelerated the work to try to find an alternative approach to their presence that we had started months earlier.

As you know, the number of structures on the sidewalks along Hastings Street rapidly grew in the following weeks. While the City was working with partners on alternative approaches to VPD presence in by-law enforcement, staff were very clear in communications with community groups that the structures were untenable and creating safety risks. Understandably, it is now clear that relying on a community group to support the City to remove structures may not be realistic as asking the community to do this work places them in a difficult situation. While we hope that a community-based street cleaning approach can continue to play an integral role in sidewalk stewardship moving forward, we recognize that we will also need to find approaches to by-law enforcement that do not rely on community groups.

The July 25 Fire Chief's Order simply accelerated the planning already underway to remove structures from the sidewalks. Chief Fry's Order highlights the urgent life-safety risks caused by structures so close to buildings and provides some specific direction, but to be very clear, the need to remove structures had already been communicated numerous times to community partners.

The fire risks to people on the sidewalks and living and working in the neighbourhood are significant and I encourage you to recognize them. If a fire starts in a structure or tent, the risk to those on Hastings street is extremely high given the number of structures tied together that can quickly ignite, spread, and cause serious harm. Further, if a fire starts from the outside of a building it will enter into the void spaces of the building rendering any sprinkler system that may be installed ineffective. The fire will spread rapidly and, given the abutting adjacency of buildings along these blocks, the risk of a fire rapidly spreading to a number of buildings is high. The number of affordable housing units along this stretch of Hastings is significant and any undue risk to these buildings is unacceptable as a fire could see both death or injury to both the people sleeping in tents along the building perimeter and tenants. This also could result in a significant number of people thrust into unexpected homelessness. As well, there are many business and services along these blocks whose tenants and workers would be at risk.

We have had two fires in this stretch since the structures intensified: one started outside of the Street Church, witnessed by over a dozen people with no one intervening or calling VFRS. That fire caused the evacuation of the 80 units at The Maple. Earlier this week a fire broke out at The Molson Hotel. Due to the structures on the street VFRS could not access the water source for a rapid response. If these fires had managed to spread further, it could have led to a significant loss of life, housing could have been lost, and people's businesses and livelihoods damaged. We simply cannot tolerate this level of fire risk in a dense urban setting.

Further, as you know, there are other significant risks escalating along these blocks: reports of increased violence against women, assaults on people entering and exiting buildings, and reports of the increased presence of organized crime are significant concerns. And, of course, Hastings Street is a major arterial for the downtown core, required by public transit and emergency services for rapid access to and from the downtown core. We have already seen people stepping into and walking in the curb lane because passage along the sidewalk is either unsafe or impossible. This is unacceptable and places them and others at significant risk of injury or death.

We recognize that the risks of homelessness are significantly higher than when people are housed and also of drug poisoning death by people using illicit substances. The City has implemented a number of measures within its purview and means to mitigate these risks, recognizing that housing, income, and health are the jurisdiction of senior government. The City has implemented washroom trailers with harm reduction and peer monitoring supports and is also activating the ATP at Pigeon Park with a similar monitoring program. We have supported VCH to locate OPS sites in City buildings and continue to actively advocate for safe supply to senior government. We have also invested significantly in housing and shelter creation and daytime drop-in spaces despite these social services being the purview of senior government.

As you know, there are currently not sufficient indoor spaces (shelter or housing units) for people experiencing homelessness, whether they are on Hastings Street, in Crab Park, or across the city. We understand the gravity of this situation first and foremost for those experiencing homelessness and also for the broader community who are also impacted. The City is working assertively with senior government to build new housing and increase shelter options, while advocating for policy and programs such as safe supply, decriminalization of substance use, increased income assistance, and increased daytime drop-ins, etc.

We know the tools and resources we have at our disposal as local government are inadequate to respond to the complexity and challenges of the scale of homelessness we are facing. Despite the gap in services and the understandable frustration we, you, and others feel about that, we still cannot have tents and structures on sidewalks, adjacent to buildings and busy streets as they put even more people at risk.

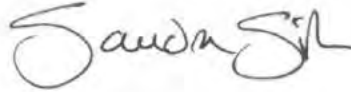
As noted above, we do value the role PIVOT and other advocacy groups play in pressing for systems and program changes. We also know this letter will not satisfy your demands, but hope we have at least clarified some information about the work on Hastings Street.

Sincerely,



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From: "Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL" s.15(1)(l)
Date: 7/25/2022 3:45:34 PM
Subject: Upcoming IB: East Hastings St. Structures Removal Update

Dear Mayor and Council,

Following on my communication last Thursday evening regarding the situation on East Hastings, I am writing to confirm VFRS has now issued its Order related to structure removal along East Hastings. The City shortly will be issuing the below information bulletin regarding the City's response to the Order and next steps. Local community groups and businesses also have received updates regarding this matter.

Please keep this news release embargoed until it is issued from the City's account this afternoon.

Best,
Paul

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City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
July 25, 2022

East Hastings St. Structures Removal Update

The City is responding to a Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) order to immediately remove tents and structures along East Hastings St., due to numerous urgent safety concerns.

The order was issued today, **July 25, 2022**, by VFRS Chief Karen Fry and signals the urgent need to accelerate structure removal on East Hastings St. Should a fire occur in the

area in its current condition, it would be catastrophic, putting lives at risk and jeopardizing hundreds of units of much-needed housing.\u8239 \u8239

The City acknowledges that since July 1, the situation on East Hastings St. near Main St. in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) has grown significantly more unsafe due in part to increased structures and decreased accessibility.

Structures-removal planning had been underway to increase street safety, passage for sidewalks and roadways, increase access to buildings and reduce fire hazards. While today's order will expedite this process, the situation is complex and the City will continue to take a thoughtful approach that considers the needs of those sheltering outdoors as we do this work.

In the coming days, the City will work with the community, non-profit organizations and partner government organizations to expedite structure removal and to offer additional support for those sheltering outdoors. Supports will include day storage of personal belongings, and increasing public washrooms, misting stations, handwashing stations and water fountains in the area.\u8239

The City will also continue working with the community on developing and implementing a community-led approach to street cleaning while maintaining safe and clean streets for everyone who lives, visits and works in the area.

The conditions in the DTES are representative of a systemic failure to meet the needs of low-income, marginalized residents and communities, a crisis requiring urgent cooperation of all levels of government. The City has and will continue to advocate to senior government partners who have the jurisdiction, funding and responsibility for meaningful, life-changing interventions that are needed to address the key drivers of homelessness, including faster delivery of housing and emergency shelter, income and mental health supports, and additional service supports for people sheltering outdoors.

Street Cleaning Background\u8239

City crews remove garbage and structures on East Hastings with the intent to minimize obstructions and to keep sidewalks passable, clean and safe for everyone in the DTES. In the past, when conducting this work along East Hastings near Main St., these crews have been accompanied by Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

As of July 1, VPD\u8239 ceased accompanying City staff while they carry out regular, day-to-day work.\u8239 \u8239

City crews remain committed to keeping streets in the DTES clean and accessible for all in a manner that also respects the rights and challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.\u8239 \u8239 \u8239

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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"](#) s.15(1)(l)
Date: 7/27/2022 4:55:54 PM
Subject: Update: East Hastings Street (July 27, 2022)
Attachments: Chiefs Order - Hastings Tents July 21st.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see below for an update sent today to local community agencies, partners, and stakeholders in the DTES with re: the Hastings St encampment. A few key points for Council:

- ☐ The Fire Chief issued the attached Fire Order on Monday (July 25) afternoon.
- ☐ Staff will be hand-delivering information flyers to people in tents tomorrow and will be posting posters along Hastings St and cross-blocks on Friday morning.
- ☐ Planning for the implementation of the Order is under way and we expect that work will commence next week.
 - Departments involved include: Engineering, ACCS, VFRS, VPD, Parks, and Comms. VCH and BC Housing are also participating in the response.
- ☐ Staff are also working to quickly implement several services in response to needs identified by the community: local storage, washrooms, and indoor drop-in space. The provision of these services is key to supporting at least some of the needs of unsheltered residents in this area:
 - A washroom trailer is supported through a UBCM grant that funds the Washroom Trailer Program.
 - VANDU contract is supported through the Council-approved funding to support work on community-led approaches to street cleaning.
 - We have reallocated funding within existing budgets to support start-up of some services (storage and drop-in; some additional washroom attendants) and will be seeking senior government funding for ongoing service.
 - We are also implementing other interim supports specific to the encampment such as additional street cleaning, Pigeon Park toilet activation, and offering safe escort for women to/from their housing.

We will keep Council apprised as the plans develop.

Best,
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməŋəm (Musqueam), ḵwə́w 7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

From: DTES Updates

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 12:08 PM

Subject: City of Vancouver Update: East Hastings Street (July 27, 2022)

Dear all;

As you are all aware the City has been working with various community partners over the past few weeks to respond to garbage removal and safe passage ways in particular along the 00-300 block areas of East Hastings as part of a community based stewardship program that was intended to replace previous street cleaning practices.

However, based on recent fire inspections along East Hastings, the City was issued with a Fire Order on Monday afternoon. The order (attached) requires that the City remove tents and structures on East Hastings Street.

We understand your needs for immediate information on what the next steps are. The information below (see **Notice of Fire Order in the DTES Tent Removal on Hastings Street**) provides you with an initial timeline between now and August 2nd and second phase that begins on August 3rd. Note that the first phase, between today (July 27) and August 2nd, is focussed on providing people with information. The second phase, beginning August 3rd, will include the removal of structures and once we have details on this, we will share this with you.

On Thursday, City representatives will distribute written leaflets to each tent. The notice below will be made available to people on East Hastings on Friday through posters that will be set up in the area.

We commit to providing details on steps that will be taken within these timelines will be provided to you and people on East Hastings and adjacent streets as it comes available.

We are very appreciative of the efforts made by the Overdoes Prevention Society in partnership with VANDU and members of a working group established to find alternatives to previous street cleaning practices. These groups have worked with peers on the 00 block to dispose hundreds of bags of garbage and worked in partnership with the Vancouver Fire Department to train and deploy block stewards on fire watch and support the removal of propane tanks. However, community groups also made it clear that the program's success is dependent on a range of resources being made available to people who are unhoused, including storage, washrooms, and additional drop in spaces. Safe and secure housing was identified as a key cornerstone.

To recap previous information shared with you, the following actions have been taken by the City over the past two weeks:

- Funding support to VANDU to provide oversight and manage a stewardship program
- Funding support to the Overdose Prevention Society to support a preliminary pilot for the stewardship program on the 00 block
- Food delivery to people living on East Hastings supported by Living Balance
- Security at women serving housing and the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre provided by Mission Possible

We are also working to activate the washroom at Pigeon Park and implement an additional washroom with the support of UBCM funding program at 327 Main. Both will be peer managed and supervised.

Further, the City has identified start-up funds to initiate the following resources and is reaching out to senior government for ongoing support:

- 1 additional drop in space that will also have access to washrooms.
- Storage facilities in the neighbourhood.

We will update you at least weekly on progress.

City staff will continue to provide housing outreach support to find out what people's needs are. As well, we have identified funding to continue to support security at women serving housing through Mission Possible until safe passage is restored and to continue to support the OPS pilot for the near term.

Further, and in particular given the hot weather, a fountain and misting station have been installed at Pigeon Park and are in operation now.

Thank you for your support. If you need to reach anyone immediately or have questions, please contact

DTESupdates@vancouver.ca

Sincerely,
City of Vancouver

Notice of Fire Order in the DTES – Tent Removal on Hastings Street

The City has been working with community to clean streets, remove garbage, establish fire watch stewards and remove and store propane tanks and other flammable materials.

Due to fire risk to everyone, including people living in tents and buildings, the following must be

removed:

- Tents, tarps, furniture and other structures
- Anything blocking building entrances, exits, and fire hook-up

What Happens Now?

July 27 to Aug 2

- Staff will share information about plans to implement the order
- People are encouraged to start complying with the Order requirements

Aug 3 Onwards

- City staff will be available to support removal of structures
- Further details are still to be determined and will be shared when confirmed

What Does Enforcement Look Like?

The City will work with community to remove structures, working one block at a time, and focusing on the highest fire/life safety risk areas first.

Where Can I Store My Belongings?

- The City will work with community partners to arrange storage for people in the immediate term.
- We will provide more information as part of street cleaning and community outreach.
- The City is also working with community partners to find storage solutions at other locations, including longer-term daily access storage in drop-in spaces.

What Will the City Do?

- We will continue to deliver washrooms (Pigeon Park, Washroom Trailers), storage and drop-in space, and food programs.
- Carnegie Outreach will continue outreach work to ensure we know people's needs.
- We will continue working with BC Housing on housing and shelter options.
- We will work with VCH and Indigenous partners on mental health and Indigenous healing and wellness programs.



Karen Fry, General Manager/Fire Chief
900 Heatley Avenue, Vancouver BC, V6A 3S7

Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services
Fire Prevention & Community Safety Division
600-575 W 8th Ave, Vancouver BC, V5Z 0C4

ORDER
(PURSUANT TO VANCOUVER FIRE BY-LAW NO. 12472)

Date:

TO:

(Name, Mailing address and Postal Code)

The premises **by you to wit,**
(Type of Occupancy)

Located **Vancouver, B.C.**

Inspected on the **day of** **2022.**

THE INSPECTION REVEALED:

- 1. Restricted means of egress from various buildings
- 2. Accumulation of combustible materials against buildings
- 3. Restricted access to fire department connections for various buildings
- 4. Unsafe storage and use of propane and other fuel sources
- 5. Open flames and fire hazards

Based upon the above, it is the opinion of the *Fire Chief* a condition exists at
Vancouver, B.C., which endangers life and poses a risk of injury or loss by fire. (Street Address)

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me in accordance with Vancouver Fire By-Law 12472, Division C, Sentence 1.4.3.1.(1), you are HEREBY ORDERED TO:

- 1. Remove any tents or other materials obstruct the means of egress from the buildings on the above noted blocks.
- 2. Remove any combustible materials stored adjacent to any building that create a fire hazard to the building or its occupant, Vancouver Fire By-Law Section 2.4.1(4) Combustible Materials.
- 3. Ensure unobstructed access by firefighters to all fire department connections for sprinkler or standpipe systems. British Columbia Building Code Section 2.5.1.4(1) Fire Department Access to Buildings.
- 4. Remove any tarps, tents and other structures that are placed on the sidewalk where they will prevent firefighters from engaging in firefighting operations.
- 5. Remove propane and all other fuel sources from tents, tarps and structures.
- 6. Remove all open flames and flammable heat sources, including candles, inside or under tents and tarp structures.
- 7. Comply with all other provisions of Vancouver Fire By-Law 12472.

This Order is to be complied with on or before:

Month / Day / Time / am. / pm. Or Immediately

An inspection to determine compliance with this order will be conducted on: Thursday July 28th at 09:00




Karen Fry, General Manager/Fire Chief
900 Heatley Avenue, Vancouver BC, V6A 3S7

Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services
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ORDER
(PURSUANT TO VANCOUVER FIRE BY-LAW NO. 12472)

This order does not relieve the owner or occupier of the obligation to comply with all City of Vancouver by-laws, including the requirement to obtain a permit or permits to undertake the work. For Permit Information Contact: Developments and Building Services Centre, Main Floor. 515 West 10th Ave. Phone: 604-873-7611

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LAFC 2328		Karen Fry	
		<i>(Fire Chief)</i>	



Signature

From: ["Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca)
To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"](#) s.15(1)(l)
Date: 7/6/2022 8:39:26 PM
Subject: Update on East Hastings St
Attachments: 20220706-Council Memo-East Hasting Street Cleaning, Washing and Sanitation Update-FINAL.pdf

Good evening Mayor and Council,

The attached memo from Sandra Singh and Taryn Scollard provides an update on staff efforts in response to the increase in tents and structures and the decline in cleanliness and accessibility in the 100-200 blocks of East Hastings.

Key highlights include:

- ☐ Since late June, there has been a significant increase of large structures and tents along the 100-200 Blocks of E. Hastings. The intensification of structures is impeding sidewalk access as well as cleaning.
- ☐ Staff are deeply concerned about this situation, are acutely aware of the concerns expressed by the community, and remain committed to maintaining the cleanliness and accessibility of City streets in the DTES in a manner that respects the rights and challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.
- Starting next week, the City's Engineering Services staff will be conducting sidewalk cleaning and will work with community groups and those experiencing homelessness to enable clearing the street of tents and structures.
- ☐ City staff have been meeting with a coalition of community groups and people with lived experience as part of a Council-directed motion to decriminalize poverty.
- ☐ A working group of this coalition is identifying short- and long-term solutions that support people experiencing homelessness and to keep them and their belongings safe, while maintaining street cleanliness and accessibility.
- ☐ Staff will continue to work with partners on the development of solutions to this matter, and will keep Council updated on progress.

If you have any questions, please email Sandra or Taryn directly and they will ensure questions are responded to through the weekly Q&A.

Best,
Paul

MEMORANDUM

July 6, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Lynda Graves, Administration Services Manager, City Manager's Office
Maria Pontikis, Chief Communications Officer, CEC
Anita Zaenker, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Neil Monckton, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Alvin Singh, Communications Director, Mayor's Office

FROM: Taryn Scollard, Acting General Manager, Engineering Services
Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture & Community Services

SUBJECT: East Hastings Street Update

RTS #: N/A

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on staff efforts in response to the increase in tents and structures and the decline in cleanliness and accessibility in the 100-200 blocks of East Hastings.

BACKGROUND

As Council is aware, Engineering crews remove garbage and structures from sidewalks with the intent to minimize obstructions and to keep sidewalks passable, clean and safe for everyone in the Downtown Eastside (DTES).

In the past, when conducting this work along the 100-200 blocks of E. Hastings, these crews have been accompanied by Vancouver Police Department (VPD). As of July 1, VPD members are no longer available to accompany City staff as they carry out regular, day-to-day work.

Since this was announced in late June, there has been a significant increase of large structures and tents along the 100-200 Blocks of E. Hastings. The intensification of structures is impeding sidewalk access as well as cleaning.

UPDATE

Staff are deeply concerned about this situation, are acutely aware of the concerns expressed by the community, and remain committed to maintaining the cleanliness and accessibility of City streets in the DTES in a manner that respects the rights and challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.

Immediate Actions

- Starting next week, the City's Engineering Services staff will be conducting sidewalk cleaning and will work with community groups and those experiencing homelessness to enable clearing the street of tents and structures.
- This work is integral to improve the quality of life and living conditions for those living and working in the area, to minimize the potential for disease, and to improve mobility through access to sidewalk space.
- The City will deploy additional waste bins to E. Hastings to collect debris and will provide litter and waste collection tools (garbage bags, gloves and other cleanup tools) to community stewards and organizations to help keep sidewalks and streets clean.

Neighbourhood Relations

Staff will be in contact with the affected local BIAs, community partners, local organizations and area stakeholders to advise them of the work planned. We also have a plan in place to distribute flyers and posters throughout the community to explain this work.

Next steps

City staff have been meeting with a coalition of community groups and people with lived experience as part of a Council-directed motion to decriminalize poverty.

A working group of this coalition is identifying short- and long-term solutions that support people experiencing homelessness and to keep them and their belongings safe, while maintaining street cleanliness and accessibility.

A block stewardship model whereby peers work in collaboration with the City's Engineering services and residents to keep the sidewalks and doorways clean and passable is also in the process of being deployed. We will have more to share in the coming weeks.

Staff will continue to work with partners on the development of the pilot program and will keep Council updated on progress.

Key Messages

Should you receive questions from community or inquiries from media on the City's next steps, you may find the following key messages helpful:

- We recognize there is a need for meaningful improvement in the near term and City crews will continue our efforts to keep streets in the Downtown Eastside clean and accessible for all.
- The City removes litter and garbage daily with the intent to minimize obstructions to keep sidewalks and City property passable, clean and safe for everyone.
- Our frontline Engineering teams are trained to remove material that has been abandoned – not to remove items that are clearly personal belongings.
- We sincerely regret and apologize for any harm and trauma that has been created as a result of this work and recognize important items have been discarded.
- Staff are currently working closely with community organizations and people with lived experience to identify solutions.
- As of July 1, VPD is no longer accompanying City staff during regular work.
- Staff are working directly with the community on long-term solutions and alternative service models to create an approach that supports those experiencing homelessness and keeps them and their belongings safe while keeping sidewalks and streets clear and accessible for everyone.
- Engineering Services, who oversee the street cleaning work, value collaboration with communities on this issue and are working with community groups and City colleagues to determine the best way forward.
 - Those discussions are ongoing, and we will have more to share in the coming weeks.
 - Additionally, staff will be incorporating items from *Motion B3: Street Care, Not Street Sweeps: Ending Daily Displacement in Vancouver* into forthcoming work with community this summer.

FINAL REMARKS

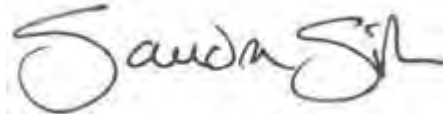
Staff are working together with communities to determine the best way forward to maintain clean and accessible streets and sidewalks to the benefit of all.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Taryn Scollard at taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca or Sandra Singh at sandra.singh@vancouver.ca.



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