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Subject: RE: morning check in minutes July 21 -00 block-300 block Hastings

Hello everyone and thank you for your participation in today's meeting. Below are today's minutes.
Please let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

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In Attendance

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- ☐-|||||~ COV Engineering: Margaret Wittgens, Albert Shames, Mike Zupan, Lisa Parker
- ☐-|||||~ VFRS: Dave Meers
- ☐-|||||~ VPD: Tan Tran
- ☐-|||||~ BC Housing: Carmen Hall, Will Valenciano, Nicole O'Connor, Cluny MacPherson, Henry Glazebrook
- ☐-|||||~ VCH: Steph Partridge, Randy Ash, Richard Taki, Elizabeth Holliday

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1.|||||~ Emerging Issues - Decampment Plan

- ☐-|||||~ With intensification of activities along Hastings, now along Gore and Abbott, decision has been made to increase pace of removing structure
- ☐-|||||~ Have asked Homelessness Services to develop a decampment plan
- ☐-|||||~ Will be difficult because we do not have shelter or housing for this number of people
- ☐-|||||~ Continued safety concerns from VFRS, VPD, and neighbourhood groups
 - VFRS may issue an order early next week if concerns continue
- ☐-|||||~ Will continue the community-led cleaning initiative with VANDU
- ☐-|||||~ VANDU and OPS do not want to be associated with clearing structures if housing is not available
- ☐-|||||~ Concerns raised about this coming as a surprise to community
 - Have spoken to VANDU about need to speed up process
 - An order would likely be gradual
- ☐-|||||~ Having discussions with Parks about the potential movement to parks
- ☐-|||||~ Heat Warnings are likely to be issued next week
 - Could be opportunities to open cooling centres in line with this process

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2.|||||~ Fire Safety

- ☐-|||||~ Regent Hotel
 - No update today
- ☐-|||||~ Fire Inspections
 - Inspections with OPS and Fire today at 10:30
 - Will be removing additional propane tanks
 - Will be making sure that building fire connections/sprinkler access, as well as doorways and entrances are clear
- ☐-|||||~ LED Lights
 - No update today
- ☐-|||||~ BCH meeting with housing providers on Friday, will now be a weekly meeting
- ☐-|||||~ In-Building Fire Extinguishers
 - Waiting on purchasing timelines
 - Should have an update on Monday

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3.|||||~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

- ☐ ~~~~~ Will have a schedule on the washroom trailer on Monday, July 25
- ☐ ~~~~~ Working with Lisa's team to get public seating for area, concerns about impeding Hastings sidewalk space
- ☐ ~~~~~ Need to get the water fountain and misting station up ASAP
- ☐ ~~~~~ Looking at extending hours at Carnegie comfort stations

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4. ~~~~~ Meal Programming

- ☐ ~~~~~ Looking at a food truck with First United and Aboriginal Front Door
- ☐ ~~~~~ Got costing on public BBQ options
- ☐ ~~~~~ Working with Street Activities on safe BBQing practices

5. ~~~~~ VANDU

- ☐ ~~~~~ Met with VANDU about the street cleaning to happen quickly and ensure fire safety of buildings, especially at the Regent
- ☐ ~~~~~ They are agreeable to the need to move structures for cleaning, unsure of their capacity to undertake the work quickly
- ☐ ~~~~~ Storage can for VANDU supplies being dropped on corner of Hastings and Columbia today

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6. ~~~~~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

- ☐ ~~~~~ No updates today

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7. ~~~~~ Carnegie Outreach Update

- ☐ ~~~~~ Not out yesterday, cheque issues day were out this morning
- ☐ ~~~~~ Growth east along Hastings is firming up
- ☐ ~~~~~ Side streets are filling up as well
- ☐ ~~~~~ Outreach will try to go out this weekend to finalize the mapping
- ☐ ~~~~~ Have now confirmed at least 400 people in the area overnight
 - o Have recognized a number of youth (18-25), working with youth orgs to identify and support
 - o Believe half do not have housing, half are housed and using the area
 - o Moved one camper into shelter yesterday

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8. ~~~~~ Aboriginal Land Trust Development

- ☐ ~~~~~ Already being asked about where people can go
 - o Group needs to meet to discuss communication plan

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9. ~~~~~ Other Updates/Emerging Issues

- ☐ ~~~~~ Women's Safety
 - o Met with Atira & Wish about women's safety in area, they raised a number of concerns
 - o Reported increase violent debt collection taking place by 8 individuals from Montreal with no connection to the community
 - o Will be meeting with women's groups on a weekly basis

○ Looking at increasing safe refuge spaces for women, especially along Hastings

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Subject: RE: morning check in minutes July 20 -00 block-300 block Hastings

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Hi Sue

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Thanks and sorry my sound was so bad this morning that I couldn't hear well not sure what was going on.

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I need to clarify the Mayor's Office requested a meeting update on the status of the work and any plans related to structures. I suggested revisions below

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1. ~~~~~ Fire Safety

- ☐ ~~~~~ Regent Hotel
 - o There is a fire watch at the Regent Hotel, structures currently blocking fire access
 - o Unsure of whether there are occupants in the building
 - o Need to ensure sightlines of the building
- ☐ ~~~~~ Fire Inspections
 - o Scheduling another round of inspections with OPS and Fire on Thursday
 - o Will be making sure that building fire connections/sprinkler access, as well as doorways and entrances are clear
- ☐ ~~~~~ Fire Education
 - o Fire has put together resources about fire safety which are attached to this email
 - o Includes 3' distancing, propane tank risks, and other recommendations

- Leaflets are being circulated during fire inspections

☐ ~~~~~ LED Lights

- VANDU has purchased 20 sets of LED lights and distributed them
- Social Policy requires 3 weeks for procurement of wind up LED earthquake flashlights, will get quote

☐ ~~~~~ BCH meeting with housing providers on Friday, will now be a weekly meeting

☐ ~~~~~ In-Building Fire Extinguishers

- Operators have opted into the program
- Extinguishers have been ordered, will be arriving soon
- Working on implementation plan with operators

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2. ~~~~~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

☐ ~~~~~ Checking with VEMA about other heat response requirements, expecting high temperatures soon

☐ ~~~~~ Following up with VCH on washrooms and food

☐ ~~~~~ Washrooms behind the market are in process of being confirmed, need funding, site, and unit type

- Diana will have update tomorrow

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3. ~~~~~ Meal Programming

☐ ~~~~~ Extended ABLF meal vouchers for another 5 days

☐ ~~~~~ Need additional peers for distribution

☐ ~~~~~ Working on securing additional cooking sites

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4. ~~~~~ VANDU

☐ ~~~~~ Meeting with VANDU today

☐ ~~~~~ Determining VANDU's capacity to undertake this work

☐ ~~~~~ Understanding that action on structure removals should occur relatively soon and agreement that discussions with VANDU around this outcome will need to occur

☐ ~~~~~ Action: MaryClare to set up emergency meeting discuss

☐ ~~~~~ Storage can for VANDU supplies being dropped on corner of Hastings and Columbia on Thursday

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5. ~~~~~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

☐ ~~~~~ DBL is doing site visits of 327 Main and 390 Main to determine work required

☐ ~~~~~ Old Army & Navy North side building was determined to not be a good site option (2 sets of stairs to access space)

- Owner is open to using this space for other programming

☐ ~~~~~ A&N Basement could still be an option

- Would require some work, may have logistical challenges

☐ ~~~~~ Action: BC Housing to enquire with PHS re: South side options

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6. ~~~~~ Carnegie Outreach Update

☐ ~~~~~ Not out today, cheque issues day

- ☐-~~~~~ Have now confirmed at least 400 people in the area overnight
 - Have recognized a number of youth (18-25), working with youth orgs to identify and support
 - Believe half do not have housing, half are housed and using the area
 - Moved one camper into shelter yesterday
- ☐-~~~~ Increasing number of structures, more permanent looking
- ☐-~~~~ More furniture and large items appearing

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7.~~~~~ Aboriginal Land Trust Development

- ☐-~~~~ ACCS meeting with ALT, OPS, and VANDU together to plan for removing structures by August 2 hoarding deadline

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8.~~~~~ Other Updates/Emerging Issues

- ☐-~~~~ Mayor's office has requested a meeting with staff about removal of structures to discuss the status of the work and to seek clarity on plans related to structures.

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☐-~~~~ Updates to City Council

- Weekly community updates are currently being shared with Paul and Council
- May need communication in addition to community update to Council
 - ~ Education on purpose of this group
 - ~ Education on structures bylaw, expected outcomes

☐-~~~~ Structure Removals

- Prior to July 1st, structures were being removed daily with VPD support
- After July 1st number of structures increased significantly, not being removed
- Need to determine sustainable process moving forward

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☐-~~~~ VPD and Sanitation

- Concerns from community about VPD accompanying Sanitation Team on weekend routes
- Sanitation has spoken to VPD to ensure there is more distance between groups when performing working on Saturday and Sunday
- VPD will still be on the street doing their walks, but will keep a distance from the ENG teams

ACTION: Sue will invite Lisa Parker (Street Operations) to these meetings moving forward

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From: Baker, Sue

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- ☐ ~~~~~ VCH: Steph Partridge, Randy Ash, Richard Taki

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1. ~~~~~ Fire Safety

- ☐ ~~~~~ Fire Inspections
 - Scheduling another round of inspections with OPS and Fire on Thursday
 - Will be making sure that building fire connections/sprinkler access are clear
- ☐ ~~~~~ Propane Tanks
 - Collected over 17 tanks, no issues were reported
 - Have been labelled with campers names at Manitoba Works Yard, will be moved to National to be more accessible
- ☐ ~~~~~ Fire Stewards
 - Now 8 stewards trained
 - Located in visible tents with signage and fire extinguishers
 - VANDU says it has been well received

☐ ~~~~~ LED Lights

- VANDU has purchased 20 sets of LED lights and distributed them
- Social Policy is looking for LED lights for lighting inside of tents/structures

☐ ~~~~~ BCH meeting with housing providers on Friday, will now be a weekly meeting

☐ ~~~~~ In-Building Fire Extinguishers

- Will be providing extra fire extinguishers to the front desks of certain buildings
- Increased training and policy changes to ensure staff can provide extinguishers for fires outside of the building
- (ACTION) Implementation date to be determined

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2. ~~~~~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

- ☐ ~~~~~ Works is underway to replace APT for July 25th
- ☐ ~~~~~ Sanitation will be doing outreach in the area about the unit replacement
- ☐ ~~~~~ The washroom trailer will require peer stewardship, need to ensure budget
- ☐ ~~~~~ Looking at costing for 24/7 comfort station at Carnegie

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3. ~~~~~ Meal Programming

- ☐ ~~~~~ ABLF meal vouchers have been going well
- ☐ ~~~~~ Increasing meal distribution capacity
 - Guru Nanak is in a new space, not at capacity yet
 - HAVE and Potluck require 2 weeks, can add additional 100 meals a day
 - ABLF has offered their kitchen for prep and refrigeration
- ☐ ~~~~~ Community members have asked for late night sandwiches
- ☐ ~~~~~ Asking for compostable cutlery, already have compostable plates
- ☐ ~~~~~ Looking for seating/furniture options away from tents for eating

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4. ~~~~~ VANDU

- ☐ ~~~~~ No update today.
- ☐ ~~~~~ Understanding that action on structure removals should occur relatively soon and agreement that discussions with VANDU around this outcome will need to occur.
ACTION- MaryClare to facilitate further discussion at the next weekly meeting

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5. ~~~~~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

- ☐ ~~~~~ Still considering 327 Main and 390 Main- agreement that space will most likely be utilized immediately
- ☐ ~~~~~ Looking at Old Army & Navy North side building this afternoon
 - BCH will connect with PHS after viewing this afternoon
 - The space is quite large, may need to lease the whole space, could use for other purposes as well
- ☐ ~~~~~ PHS has been clear that they don't want to be associated with the bylaw and clearing of personal belongings
 - Some concerns about them being a City contractor/partner for bylaw they do not support
 - Need to ensure that messaging around voluntary nature of storage program is

shared and continued

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6.~~~~~ Carnegie Outreach Update

- ☐~~~~~ Spend last 4 mornings in the area from 6-8pm to get a handle of the number
- ☐~~~~~ Believe about 400 people in the area overnight
 - o Believe half do not have housing, half are housed and using the area
- ☐~~~~~ Counted at least 120 structures
 - o Some are tents set up for vending
 - o Others have up to 6/8 people in them
- ☐~~~~~ Have not been able to fully capture individual situations yet, working on mapping
- ☐~~~~~ Will be working on afternoon numbers this week
 - o Difficult process, given how fluid the traffic can be
 - o Weather is getting better this week, will likely increase numbers
 - o Cheque issue is tomorrow, will likely not do outreach, come back Thursday

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7.~~~~~ Aboriginal Land Trust Development

- ☐~~~~~ There has been a question about housing options for those camped in front, not just moving along
 - o Community has asked if those impacted by the development could be prioritized for housing
 - o Looking at potential side street options for people to relocate tents
 - o Request for meeting from community with VANDU block stewards, OPS, BC Housing and Outreach to discuss housing options. **ACTION: Sue will explore and facilitate**
- ☐~~~~~ The area is close part of the market, questions from community about using the hoarding for items
 - o Believe that the whole area needs to be cleared, may need to find another location for them
- ☐~~~~~ Outreach on Block
 - o There is only one AON outreach worker funded by BCH for the area doing mostly one to one work
 - o BCH, AON, and Carnegie will meet to discuss outreach strategy
- ☐~~~~~ Stenciling Sidewalk
 - o This may need to be the next block given the urgency of the site development
- ☐~~~~~ Messaging and Information Sharing
 - o Need to be clear with those in the area that it needs to be cleared and people will not be able to return

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8.~~~~~ Other Updates/Emerging Issues

- ☐~~~~~ Updates to City Council
 - o Group would like to begin a weekly update to Paul and Council
 - o Could just be a rolup of these minutes

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- ☐~~~~~ Sidewalk Washing

- Working with VANDU and OPS on identifying where this process will start
- There are some critical areas that need some cleaning, need to move forward soon
- Will take a few hours to do a half block
- Will need to get folks to move their belongings for those hours, return later

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☐-|-|-|-|- VPD and Sanitation

- Concerns from community about VPD accompanying Sanitation Team on weekend routes
- Sanitation will speak to VPD to ensure there is more distance between groups when performing working

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Subject: RE: morning check in minutes July 18 100-300 block Hastings

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- ☐-|-|-|-|- VFRS: Dave Meers
- ☐-|-|-|-|- VPD: Tan Tran
- ☐-|-|-|-|- BC Housing: Carmen Hall, Will Valenciano, Nicole O'Connor, Cluny MacPherson

☐-~--~--~ VCH: Steph Partridge

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1.~--~--~ Fire Safety

☐-~--~--~ Propane Tanks

- Collected over 17 tanks, no issues were reported
- Have been labelled at Manitoba Works Yard, will be moved to National

☐-~--~--~ BCH met with housing providers on Friday, some issues raised

- Concerns about contractors and trades accessing the buildings
- Concerns about “Microterritories”, increased weapons and drug dealing tensions
- Noticeable change in atmosphere with less VPD presence

☐-~--~--~ Fire Extinguishers

- Will be providing extra fire extinguishers to the front desks of certain buildings
- Increased training and policy changes to ensure staff can provide extinguishers for fires outside of the building

☐-~--~--~ Fire Group meeting at 5pm today, will update group tomorrow

☐-~--~--~ VANDU has purchased some LED lights to trade for candles

☐-~--~--~ COV investigating wind up earthquake lights to provide (no battery needed)

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2.~--~--~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

☐-~--~--~ Works is underway to replace APT for July 25th

☐-~--~--~ Still working on next steps for trailer – especially water

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3.~--~--~ VANDU

☐-~--~--~ Volunteers picked up another 20 bags on Saturday, a bit more on Sunday

☐-~--~--~ Replaced bags and supplies today and tomorrow

☐-~--~--~ Sidewalk pathway stencils seem to be working well

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4.~--~--~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

☐-~--~--~ 327 Main is now the top option for consideration for storage of Carnegie Building materials to free up 390 Main (original storage location for Carnegie construction)

☐-~--~--~ 390 Main is good option for VANDU, a gathering space, and some storage

☐-~--~--~ 327 Main could work for storefront and some smaller longer term storage options but building requires a lot of work

- Need to connect with BDL about requirements

☐-~--~--~ Still considering Old Army & Navy (north side storage)

5.~--~--~ Carnegie Outreach Update

☐-~--~--~ Outreach team out this morning hoping to get a full idea of how many people are out there and who they are

☐-~--~--~ Working to figure out how best to identify who is there, who belongs to what tent/items/etc.

☐-~--~--~ BCH was not able to connect with Lu'ma outreach about work in area, will

continue to try

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6.----- Other Updates/Emerging Issues

☐----- Canada Post – Delivery Refusal

- Reason for not delivering was related to news of stabbing of person in wheelchair, not sidewalk access
- Service continued as normal on Friday

☐----- Sidewalk Washing

- Working with VANDU and OPS on identifying where this process will start

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☐----- Tents/Structures in the Curb Lane

- Will be speaking about this in afternoon meeting with VANDU and community groups
- Have not seen any further tenting in the curb lane after last reported but noted that tents/belongings are hanging over sidewalks leading to decreased safety and issues for street cleaning

☐----- Fire at 566 Powell

- Not in the encampment area
- Some units displaced, operator has found alternative housing

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- ☐-||||| VPD: Besnik Dobreci, Tan Tran
- ☐-||||| BC Housing: Carmen Hall, Will Valenciano, Nicole O'Connor, Stephanie Allen, Henry Glazebrook (Comms)
- ☐-||||| VCH: Caitlin Etherington, Elizabeth Holliday

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1.||||| Fire Safety

- ☐-||||| Scheduled for a walk through at 1pm today to identify propane tanks for removal
- ☐-||||| Aiming for two teams, accompanied by Street Ops, to identify and remove the tanks
- ☐-||||| Latest fire at the Street Church had a dozen bystanders witness the person who began the fire, did not intervene
- ☐-||||| VANDU is going to be purchasing LED lights and trading them for candles on the street
 - Hoping to identify some lights internally that can be contributed
- ☐-||||| A Better Life Foundation will be providing meal vouchers (150/day) in exchange for propane tanks
- ☐-||||| Street Ops will be working on a receipt system for removal of the tanks
 - These will be stored at the National Yard until September, disposed afterward
 - Can be returned to the individuals when they move to housing
- ☐-||||| 7 working fire extinguishers on the blocks, with stewards who are trained in their use
 - These will be monitored and replaced as needed
- ☐-||||| BC Housing will be providing additional extinguishers to buildings in area
- ☐-||||| Fire group will not be meeting this evening, will meet on Monday
- ☐-||||| There was a fire at the Jubilee on 4th floor this morning, unsure if anyone has been displaced

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2.||||| Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

- ☐-||||| Street Activities was able to get in touch with Outfront for the public toilet – needs to be replaced
 - Does not look like Outfront can activate the APT until after July 25th
- ☐-||||| Looking at ways to provide furniture and public cooking options
- ☐-||||| Working with Britco over type and size of trailer to be installation
- ☐-||||| Looking to expand hours at Carnegie comfort stations – costing and operational considerations
- ☐-||||| All trailers will be staffed and trained in overdose response
 - Unsure there will be oxygen in the trailers
 - VCH recommends a nurse involved in training

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3.~~~~~ VANDU

- ☐~~~~~ Volunteers have been successful in collecting more than 20 bags of garbage yesterday
- ☐~~~~~ Will be dropping materials to northeast corner of Columbia and Hastings
- ☐~~~~~ Street Ops will be providing additional bags and materials
- ☐~~~~~ Will be meeting with VANDU again on Monday
- ☐~~~~~ Looking to place the storage container on Columbia, northwest side at Hastings until storefront acquired
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4.~~~~~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

- ☐~~~~~ Millennium site not interested in partnering on this
- ☐~~~~~ Will have more information on Monday after some site visits

5.~~~~~ Carnegie Outreach Update

- ☐~~~~~ Currently provide support to some individuals in this area
- ☐~~~~~ Trying to figure out how best to identify who is there, who belongs to what tent /items/etc.
- ☐~~~~~ Are other outreach organizations involved in this area?
 - o Carnegie Outreach is the only group doing coordinated outreach
 - o Other groups are providing services and/or looking for individual people
 - o~ ACTION: BC Housing will connect with All Our Nations about outreach activities in this area

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6.~~~~~ Other Updates/Emerging Issues

- ☐~~~~~ Canada Post – Delivery Refusal
 - o Have cited recent stabbing and debris on the sidewalks
 - o~ ACTION: COV Comms will monitor Social Media
 - o~ ACTION: COV Social Policy will connect with Canada Post
- ☐~~~~~ Aboriginal Land Trust development
 - o Now have the schedule and drawings for timing and location of hoarding/site prep
- ☐~~~~~ \~
- ☐~~~~~ Sidewalk Washing
 - o Working with VANDU and OPS on identifying where this process will start
- ☐~~~~~ \~
- ☐~~~~~ Building Access for Seniors / Mobility Challenges
 - o VCH has been hearing from outreach workers that the frail, elderly, and mobility challenged are unable to leave/return to their buildings safely
 - o VCH has connected with BC Housing about working with operators on supporting tenants and building access
- ☐~~~~~ Tents/Structures in the Curb Lane

- Have noticed more tents being erected in the curb lane overnight
- Significant safety concern
- Unsure if Pivot/VANDU have people available overnight to support moving tents out of street

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1.~~~~~ Fire Safety

- ☐~~~~~ Fire extinguishers were deployed and training conducted yesterday (Wednesday, July 14)
- ☐~~~~~ BCH has identified 10 housing buildings along the blocks to deploy additional fire extinguishers
 - Working with operators to get installed and training
- ☐~~~~~ Removal of propane tanks and other flammables
 - Looking at organizations/partners who may be able to assist in collection, propane tanks are valuable
 - Looking at meal vouchers from A Better Life Foundation (Save of Meats)
 - Looking at a supervised BBQ at Pigeon Park
 - Status of alternatives to BBQs \~(ESS meal vouchers)

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2.~~~~~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

- ☐~~~~~ Street Activities has been in contact with washroom trailer contractor
- ☐~~~~~ Pigeon Park mister to be installed by Parks and water fountain will be repaired

shortly

- ☐ Investigating space for additional site services, supervised BBQ, etc.
- ☐ Working on getting electrical from adjacent buildings
- ☐ Working on getting water hookups
- ☐ Working on a Super Save accessible trailer
- ☐ Working with Fleet about acquiring a trailer for faster future deployment

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3. \\~ VANDU

- ☐ Volunteers have been successful in collecting more than 30 bags of garbage
- ☐ Working on sourcing a storage container for supplies until storefront operation can be set up
 - o Working on approval for street storage
 - o Access will be for VANDU and OPS only
- ☐ Community meetings on Wednesdays to discuss process (Pigeon Park)- Non Profits are also welcomed to attend to discuss safety/access issues
- ☐ Began demarcation on sidewalks
 - o Marking paths to ensure building access
 - o Demonstrate areas where gathering/camping are allowed
 - o Peer-led process
- ☐ Real Estate working on HQ space, looking at 3 different sites
 - o Vacant Lost + Found space looks promising, working on operational plans, space for 20 storage bins
 - o Longer term spaces are being explored

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4. \\~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

- ☐ PHS Osborn shelter has confirmed that space can be used, has some logistical issues
- ☐ Access would need to be from alley back of building
- ☐ Concerns about disposal of items (abandoned, contaminated, etc.)
 - o VANDU has expressed concerns about disposal of items, timelines, especially when in detox
 - o First United program cited, short timeline on disposal kept people from accessing detox/services
- ☐ Community has asked for multiple sites
 - o Concerns about single operator, potentially banned members
 - o Women only and/or gender diverse spaces
 - o Longer-term vs short-term
- ☐ Gathering Place currently has a day storage system, good resource/learnings

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5. \\~ Other Updates/Emerging Issues

- ☐ Aboriginal Land Trust development – Indigenous Wellness Centre and Housing
 - o Group has sent construction drawings, working on timeline for project
 - o Will be letting the community network about the project and requirements
 - o SW corner of Hastings from Pigeon Park to Columbia will need to be cleared,

- hoarding will be going up
- o Working on getting elders and peers to speak with community members in the affected area

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□~~~~~Sidewalk Washing

- o No timeline yet on operational plan
- o Have spoken with VANDU about intent, they agree we need to do it
- o Will begin with half a block, the least impacted first, then move down the block
- o Community has indicated they require storage before cleaning can happen

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Hello All,

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Kindly please advise of any edits/errors/omissions to the meeting notes.\~

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Attending:

Engineering: Taryn Scollard, Mike Zupan

VFRS:\~ Dave Meers

ACCS:\~ Sandra Singh, Celine Mauboules, MaryClare Zak, Dianna Hurford, Sue Baker, Bruk Melles, Bob Moss

BC Housing: Will Valenciano, Cluny McPherson, Carmen Hall

Communications: Krystyna Domes, Phoenix Lam

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1.~::~~::~~ Fire Safety/Watch

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Mary Clare- Immediate next steps:

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- ☐~::~~::~~ OPS will go purchase fire extinguishers asap (today) and invoice
- ☐~::~~::~~ OPS will provide them to 3-4 people per block today who are interested and able to act as fire wardens, people who are comfortable using.\~ Tara (OPS) will provide initial instruction
- ☐~::~~::~~ Training from Fire will be provided Thurs or Friday
- ☐~::~~::~~ Fire will prepare written/print materials
- ☐~::~~::~~ Next phase will be removal of propane tanks with alternatives.

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- ☐~::~~::~~ OPS offered to provide heads up to people that this removal of propane tanks would need to happen and get more information from ppl on the block about preferences re: food.
- ☐~::~~::~~ Removal of propane tanks and other flammables
 - ⊙ ETA of removal ?no clear ETA but while peers are encouraging folks, they will simultaneously be asking folks what would work to meet food prep needs
 - ⊙ Status of alternatives to BBQs \~
 - ☐~::~~::~~ Dianna ?integrating with heat response efforts, bbq and food truck options are also underway

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Cluny support from BCH funded agencies

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- ☐~::~~::~~ Cluny recommends following the naloxone campaign model with fire extinguishers in lobby for 24/7 front line staff to support exterior; \~6-10 buildings immediately adjacent; Fire is supportive of efforts to increase access to extinguishers; BCH will start engaging with the non profits and report back. Approx 6-10 buildings adjacent to the 0-300 blocks.\~

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2.~::~~::~~ Washroom trailer- Dianna

- ☐~::~~::~~ Site visit this morning with DBL, Street Activities to look at technical assessments for 26 E. Hastings

□-~-~-~-~-~ APT at Pidgeon Park □activation efforts underway

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3.~-~-~-~-~ VANDU

□-~-~-~-~-~ HQ space

- Social Infrastructure team taking the lead with support from HS; a couple of options are being explored on Friday;
- Please pass any leads to Dianna (tracker is started)
- BCH will further explore options with CIRES (Sean)
- Jubilee space reno won't be complete until Sept. □could that space be considered either before renos or after?

□-~-~-~-~-~ Supply storage space □

- Mike's team looking to determine placement of a container to store cleaning supplies temporarily, until HQ storefront determined

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4.~-~-~-~-~ Day storage for personal belongings

□-~-~-~-~-~ PHS Osborn shelter update □Carmen will connect with PHS today

□-~-~-~-~-~ Potential site visits this week- Sue & Dianna to update

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5.~-~-~-~-~ Other updates/emerging issues

□-~-~-~-~-~ Reconfirmed that VANDU contract was executed yesterday

□-~-~-~-~-~ Aboriginal Land Trust (ALT) construction on the 0 Block – hoarding will be going up soon; Dianna engaging with them on timeline and needs; ensure ALT also communicating with community so it's not assumed to be a street cleaning CoV action

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ACCS:

- ~~~~~ Immediate activation:\~ focus will be to reinstate APT (Automated Public toilet) at Pidgeon Park; they are operable, require safety for the folks providing maintenance on the APTs
- ~~~~~ Intention to also add Britco trailer asap for some storage options for OPS
- ~~~~~ Longer term:\~ 26 E. Hastings – explore feasibility of washroom trailer site at 26 E. Hastings – this would take 2 weeks minimum to operationalize
- ~~~~~ Need to consider 24/7 access, pending resources (funding and staffing)

Sandra

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VFRS

- Extremely high risk situation
- 2 recent fires (street church fire last week and powell street fire on the weekend) both caused by structures adjacent to the buildings, began from the outside and spread to building
- Fires starting from outside render sprinklers ineffective
- The entire street is against fire code. ~ Combustible materials should be 15m from structures
- Jan – June 2022, 770 fires in DTES alone (Halls 1,8, 2)
- Suggest a Phased approach with highest risk materials first; remove flammable materials, combustibles, then work on removing structures
- Need to distribute training materials and fire extinguishers
- Moving tents away from egress doors also needs to be a focus
- Chief Fry recommends a fire watch for each block
- **ACTION:** ~ Mary Clare will call an emergency meeting today between Coalition and Fire to activate next steps

Cluny

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As propane tanks and combustible food prep options are removed, Coalition has asked for food prep options. **ACTION:** Celine, Dianna, MaryClare to discuss options for access to food / food prep

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Hello everyone- please find the notes on items that we discussed this morning. Please feel free to let me know if there are errors or omissions. I will use this same template daily so that we can reference previous decisions or action items.

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Present: Cluny McPherson; Will Valencio; Dave Meers (VanFire); Taryn Scollard; Mary Clare Zak, Sandra Singh; Celine Mauboules, Bruk Melles, Bob Moss, Sue Baker

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Taryn:

- ☐ Funding has been coordinated and will source from unallocated salary in sanitation-journal voucher system
- ☐ Flash report from overnight crew regarding gunshots in vicinity of overnight sanitation crew- Friday run was cancelled and support brought in for crew- weekend sanitation runs resumed with no further issues reported
- ☐ Mike meeting this morning with Tara Taylor, OPS (overdose prevention site) and VANDU to go over interim plan for cleaning the 0 block.
- ☐ Mike to connect with VanFire about areas of concern re: fire ignition

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Mary Clare:

- ☐ Update on block steward program and OPS (overdose prevention site), further discussions on accompaniments, way finding and garbage work
- ☐ CRS (community response network)- coalescing to support VANDU
- ☐ Mission Possible providing security to Olivia Sky building and the DEWS for safety to women who access those sites
- ☐ Bathrooms- likely Pigeon Park- decision to go with whatever site can be secured and up and running fastest
- ☐ Line painting and signage arranged by community groups after discussions with the city
- ☐ Further discussion likely today around structures- community does not want to be seen as executing cities bylaws and they will not move people along
- ☐ Issues with containment and this will likely be discussed at this afternoons meeting

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Bob:

- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Continue to work with individuals who are staying overnight for housing and outreach

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Celine/Sue/Bruk:

- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Working with BC housing for a space for storefront for desk with peers
- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Millenium building (privately owned) near Pigeon Park- will enquire as well for storage and store front

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Sandra:

- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Want to have success in the pilot but ultimately engineering will need to enforce the bylaws
- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Start with accessibility and doorways
- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Further discussion needed around service agreement- who makes the call to take down structures

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Date: 7/27/2022 7:46:08 AM

Subject: RE: Morning check in minutes Tuesday, July 26 -00 block-300 block Hastings

Hello everyone and thank you for your participation in today's meeting. Below are Tuesday, July 26 minutes. Please let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

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In Attendance

- ☐ ~~~~~ COV Homelessness Services: Sue Baker, Celine Mauboules, Bruk Melles, Bob Moss, Jeremy McElroy
- ☐ ~~~~~ COV ACCS: Sandra Singh, MaryClare Zak, Diana Hurford, Branislav Hanselmann, Shabna Ali, Phoenix Lam
- ☐ ~~~~~ COV Engineering: Lon LaClaire, Albert Shames, Margaret Wittgens, Mike Zupan, Lisa Parker, Rachel Magnusson, Amy Sidwell, Krystyna Domes
- ☐ ~~~~~ Parks: Donnie Rosa, Betty Lepps
- ☐ ~~~~~ VFRS: Karen Fry, Dave Meers, Rob Renning
- ☐ ~~~~~ VPD:
- ☐ ~~~~~ BC Housing: Carmen Hall, Will Valenciano, Cluny MacPherson, Nicole O'Connor, Emma Talbott, Henry Glazebrook
- ☐ ~~~~~ VCH: Steph Partridge, Steve Chong, Randy Ash, Elizabeth Holliday, Miranda Compton

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1. ~~~~~ Emerging Issues

Fire Order

- ☐ ~~~~~ Was issued yesterday, July 25th
- ☐ ~~~~~ Who will be able to deliver flyers with information about the order, timeline, and expectations
- ☐ ~~~~~ Planning is underway today, hoping to get the information out this afternoon

Community Meeting

- ☐ ~~~~~ Was a very difficult meeting, people were very upset
- ☐ ~~~~~ Community felt that they were not given enough time to continue with \~the peer led clean-up
- ☐ ~~~~~ Community expressed feeling abandoned, with no clear option of where to go
- ☐ ~~~~~ Community felt the trust and goodwill of the process was now broken, left the meeting prior to its conclusion
- ☐ ~~~~~ Group felt that the current state of Hastings is a was true representation of housing problem, only now visible because structures not required to come down in the morning
- ☐ ~~~~~ They do not feel that no structures on the street will be possible
 - ⊙ Also thought is was disingenuous given structures on the street being allowed elsewhere and for so long
- ☐ ~~~~~ The crux of the questions from community was ⊙ where will we go? ⊙ Poor timing with heatwave, Pope's visit and residential school apology

⊙ACTION: Comms & Partners to \~communicate before any future community meetings

Structure Removal

- ☐-~ Have a crew talk with ENG staff about what the plan could look like
 - ⊙Biggest concern will be to make sure the VPD are available if enforcement to take place Aug 2
- ☐-~ Flyer should go out today, need to make sure messaging is clear
- ☐-~ Plan is currently to address 10 key locations
- ☐-~ Plan will be to move block by block
- ☐-~ ENG is going to need a lot of support to work with community on cleaning days
 - ⊙Have to figure out storage, unsure how much short-term storage will be available
 - ⊙Have to figure out what to do for people who do not move
 - ⊙Expect many will return to the block after it is cleaned
- ☐-~ Staff need to be prepared for community resistance with process
- ☐-~ Need to determine what the model will be moving forward
 - ⊙Are we moving back to an enforcement model?
 - ⊙Is there an acceptable number of structures at any time?
 - ⊙Need to determine what the alternative model will be
 - ⊙Is there another community group that can help with a peer-led model if not VANDU?
- ⊙ ACTION: Sandra, Lon, Karen and Paul to meet to discuss long-term outcome

2.~ Fire Safety

- ☐-~ See Fire Order above
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3.~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer

- ☐-~ Working with contractor to install new APT
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4.~ Meal Programming

- ☐-~ No update today

5.~ VANDU

- ☐-~ No update today
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6.~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings

- ☐-~ Costing site visits are happening today, should have estimates on Monday
- ☐-~ Securing a lease for 327 Main for storage
- ☐-~ 390 Main and 41 E Hastings (women's only) being pursued
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Viability of Osborne Shelter for Storage option:\~ \~

- ☐-~ PHS has indicated that they do not have staff capacity with current staff complement. BCH cannot resource at this time, would require City to support
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7.~ Carnegie Outreach Update

- ☐-|-|-|-|- Counted 510 people yesterday between 6-8am
- ☐-|-|-|-|- 130 tents/structures, an increase of 10
- ☐-|-|-|-|- Tone has shifted during outreach engagement efforts with the new direction announced
- ☐-|-|-|-|- Frustration that no housing or shelter is available

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8.|-|-|-|-|- Aboriginal Land Trust Development

- ☐-|-|-|-|- No update today

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9.|-|-|-|-|- Other Updates/Emerging Issues

VCH - IHOT Support

- ☐-|-|-|-|- IHOT is aware and available to support operations
- ⓄACTION: Steph and Sue will discuss coordination

CRAB Park

- ☐-|-|-|-|- Parks has concerns about ability to manage a safe number of campers

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Communications

- ☐-|-|-|-|- Working on a community update to go out this week
- ☐-|-|-|-|- BCH has updated Key Messages to share with the City
- ☐-|-|-|-|- Action:\~ BCH and City to work on coordinated messaging

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Subject: Morning check in minutes Monday, July 25 -00 block-300 block Hastings

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Hello everyone and thank you for your participation in today's meeting. Below are Monday, July 25 minutes. This is a new email chain which will begin each week. Please let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

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Present: In Attendance

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1. Emerging issues-Fire order:

- ☐ ~~~~~ Fire Order will likely be issued this afternoon; multiple people receive the order simultaneously so news will travel quickly
- ☐ ~~~~~ Chief Fry will inform Sandra when it's going out
- ☐ ~~~~~ VPD will be informed (Inspector Tran and his rep on the call today)
- ☐ ~~~~~ Action: \~ Sue to let VPD know via email
- ☐ ~~~~~ Action: \~ Sue to let the 8am group know

2. Structure Removal Plan

- ENG and VFRS are working on priority area list
 - This will inform the schedule block by block
 - List will include building by building details access requirements
 - 1. ~~~~~ Regent will likely be first building because of fire watch
 - 2. ~~~~~ Mark (VAHA) has fencing lined up to secure Regent after structures removed
 - Market Block will be a little different than residential blocks
 - 1. ~~~~~ ACTION: ENG will share schedule once drafted

- Plan is currently for VPD to not accompany; initially ENG to work with community partners to implement
 - VPD will require notice before attending (request is 7 days to ensure sufficient resourcing)
 - VPD require time to conduct risk assessments for interventions

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3. Community meetings

- Today at 9am with VANDU, they will be provided a further update
- Structure removal includes tents
- Recognize that the questions around housing options will be there; while this continues to be a gap; fire/life safety is the order of priority due to extreme life/safety risk
- Planning meeting to continue tomorrow
 - ~ Action: Bruk to set up for tomorrow
 - ~ Action: Add Scenario Planning to tomorrow's planning meeting

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4. Storage/Washrooms/ other planning for people

- Planning underway for storage both short and long-term
- Sanitation to work with Dianna on short term immediate options for individuals to store structures or belongings on a short term basis
- Misting station is up and running at Pidgeon Park
- Contractor is back and bathroom hookup to be determined ~-APT at Pigeon Park ~

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5. Communications

- ☐ ~~~~~ Community updates will go out after community meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- ☐ ~~~~~ Phoenix asked folks to review her KM doc as required
- ☐ ~~~~~ Will be sending out a Community and separate BIA Update today (delayed from Friday)
- ☐ ~~~~~ Will include information about work that has been done and already in progress

◦ ~ **ACTION: Community Update will be sent out after the VANDU meeting on Monday morning ☐ 9:30am or later**

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**Date:** 7/27/2022 9:20:24 AM

**Subject:** RE: Morning check in minutes Wednesday, July 27-00 block-300 block Hastings

Hello everyone and thank you for your participation in today's meeting, Wednesday, July 27, 2022.  
Below are today's minutes. Please let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

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#### **1. ~~~~~ Flyer & Poster Distribution**

- ☐ ~~~~~ Sue and a member of ENG will be distributing flyers tomorrow at 8am
- ☐ ~~~~~ The flyer is high level, speaks to storage and daytime spaces that will be coming available
- ☐ ~~~~~ Posters will be put up in the area on Friday morning

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#### **2. ~~~~~ Structure Removal**

- ☐ ~~~~~ Clearing of high priority areas will begin on Wednesday, August 3rd
- ☐ ~~~~~ Block by block cleaning will begin on Tuesday, August 9th

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#### **3. ~~~~~ Fire Safety**

- ☐ ~~~~~ In response to community request, VFRS gave a fire safety talk at Oppenheimer Park yesterday
- ☐ ~~~~~ Asked to attend by a local group concerned about increase in fires
- ☐ ~~~~~ Spoke about fire safety in SROs, answered questions
- ☐ ~~~~~ Was a positive experience

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#### **4. ~~~~~ Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer**

- ☐ ~~~~~ Still working with contractor to install new APT
- ☐ ~~~~~ Funding for attendants has been confirmed

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#### **5. ~~~~~ Meal Programming**

- ☐-||||| Continuing with ABLF meal distribution
- ☐-||||| As we move into 390 Main St and 41 E Hastings will be introducing meal programming to these spaces

#### 6.||||| Community Groups

- ☐-||||| Have drafted email to working group about next steps
  - ⊙Will include the same language as the flyer about starting with high priority areas, then moving block by block
- ☐-||||| VANDU has requested to meet with us when we have a plan

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#### 7.||||| Day Storage for Personal Belongings

- ☐-||||| Confirm with Legal the requirements around storage
- ☐-||||| 327 Main St ☐Sue and Bruk leading process to secure space for outdoor storage
- ☐-||||| 390 Main St ☐Dianna, Shabna, and Mike taking lead with non-profits for accessible storage at 390 Main St
  - ⊙Aboriginal Friendship Centre will be taking over the lease, managing the space
  - ⊙Will include daytime space, storage, and meals
- ☐-||||| Have to bring technical groups together to build these systems

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#### 8.||||| Carnegie Outreach Update

- ☐-||||| Would like more information about options in order to be able to answer questions during Outreach efforts
  - ⊙ ACTION: \\~ACCS to work offline to determine appropriate info /messaging for Outreach to share

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#### 9.||||| BC Housing

- ☐-||||| Working with senior leadership and exploring options on BCH may be able to provide

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#### 10.|- Other Updates/Emerging Issues

##### Operational Planning

- ☐-||||| Homelessness Services is drafting a comprehensive operational plan for the Hasting deconstructing work
- ☐-||||| Will include the planning done by Engineering and Social Infrastructure
  - ⊙ACTION: Bruk will share document with Sandra on Friday, July 29 for feedback

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**Cc:** McElroy, Jeremy <Jeremy.McElroy@vancouver.ca>; Baker, Sue <Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Morning check in minutes Tuesday, July 26 -00 block-300 block Hastings

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Hello everyone and thank you for your participation in today's meeting. Below are Tuesday, July 26 minutes. Please let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

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#### **In Attendance**

- ☐-||||- COV Homelessness Services: Sue Baker, Celine Mauboules, Bruk Melles, Bob Moss, Jeremy McElroy
- ☐-||||- COV ACCS: Sandra Singh, MaryClare Zak, Diana Hurford, Branislav Hanselmann, Shabna Ali, Phoenix Lam
- ☐-||||- COV Engineering: Lon LaClaire, Albert Shameess, Margaret Wittgens, Mike Zupan, Lisa Parker, Rachel Magnusson, Amy Sidwell, Krystyna Domes
- ☐-||||- Parks: Donnie Rosa, Betty Lepps
- ☐-||||- VFRS: Karen Fry, Dave Meers, Rob Renning
- ☐-||||- VPD:
- ☐-||||- BC Housing: Carmen Hall, Will Valenciano, Cluny MacPherson, Nicole O'Connor, Emma Talbott, Henry Glazebrook
- ☐-||||- VCH: Steph Partridge, Steve Chong, Randy Ash, Elizabeth Holliday, Miranda Compton

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#### **1. ||||| Emerging Issues**

##### **Fire Order**

- ☐-||||- Was issued yesterday, July 25th



- ☐-||||| Who will be able to deliver flyers with information about the order, timeline, and expectations

- ☐-||||| Planning is underway today, hoping to get the information out this afternoon

### Community Meeting

- ☐-||||| Was a very difficult meeting, people were very upset
- ☐-||||| Community felt that they were not given enough time to continue with \~the peer led clean-up
- ☐-||||| Community expressed feeling abandoned, with no clear option of where to go
- ☐-||||| Community felt the trust and goodwill of the process was now broken, left the meeting prior to its conclusion
- ☐-||||| Group felt that the current state of Hastings is a was true representation of housing problem, only now visible because structures not required to come down in the morning
- ☐-||||| They do not feel that no structures on the street will be possible
  - ⊙Also thought is was disingenuous given structures on the street being allowed elsewhere and for so long
- ☐-||||| The crux of the questions from community was "where will we go?"
  - ⊙Poor timing with heatwave, Pope's visit and residential school apology
  - ⊙ACTION: Comms & Partners to \~communicate before any future community meetings

### Structure Removal

- ☐-||||| Have a crew talk with ENG staff about what the plan could look like
  - ⊙Biggest concern will be to make sure the VPD are available if enforcement to take place Aug 2
- ☐-||||| Flyer should go out today, need to make sure messaging is clear
- ☐-||||| Plan is currently to address 10 key locations
- ☐-||||| Plan will be to move block by block
- ☐-||||| ENG is going to need a lot of support to work with community on cleaning days
  - ⊙Have to figure out storage, unsure how much short-term storage will be available
  - ⊙Have to figure out what to do for people who do not move
  - ⊙Expect many will return to the block after it is cleaned
- ☐-||||| Staff need to be prepared for community resistance with process
- ☐-||||| Need to determine what the model will be moving forward
  - ⊙Are we moving back to an enforcement model?
  - ⊙Is there an acceptable number of structures at any time?
  - ⊙Need to determine what the alternative model will be
  - ⊙Is there another community group that can help with a peer-led model if not VANDU?
  - ⊙ ACTION: Sandra, Lon, Karen and Paul to meet to discuss long-term outcome

### 2.||||| Fire Safety

- ☐-||||| See Fire Order above

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### 3.||||| Pidgeon Park - Washroom Trailer



☐ ~~~~~ Working with contractor to install new APT

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**4. ~~~~~ Meal Programming**

☐ ~~~~~ No update today

**5. ~~~~~ VANDU**

☐ ~~~~~ No update today

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**6. ~~~~~ Day Storage for Personal Belongings**

☐ ~~~~~ Costing site visits are happening today, should have estimates on Monday

☐ ~~~~~ Securing a lease for 327 Main for storage

☐ ~~~~~ 390 Main and 41 E Hastings (women's only) being pursued

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**Viability of Osborne Shelter for Storage option: \\~ \\~**

☐ ~~~~~ PHS has indicated that they do not have staff capacity with current staff complement. BCH cannot resource at this time, would require City to support

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**7. ~~~~~ Carnegie Outreach Update**

☐ ~~~~~ Counted 510 people yesterday between 6-8am

☐ ~~~~~ 130 tents/structures, an increase of 10

☐ ~~~~~ Tone has shifted during outreach engagement efforts with the new direction announced

☐ ~~~~~ Frustration that no housing or shelter is available

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**8. ~~~~~ Aboriginal Land Trust Development**

☐ ~~~~~ No update today

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**9. ~~~~~ Other Updates/Emerging Issues**

**VCH - IHOT Support**

☐ ~~~~~ IHOT is aware and available to support operations

**ⓐACTION: Steph and Sue will discuss coordination**

**CRAB Park**

☐ ~~~~~ Parks has concerns about ability to manage a safe number of campers

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**Communications**

☐ ~~~~~ Working on a community update to go out this week

☐ ~~~~~ BCH has updated Key Messages to share with the City

☐ ~~~~~ Action: \\~ BCH and City to work on coordinated messaging

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Subject: Morning check in minutes Monday, July 25 -00 block-300 block Hastings

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Hello everyone and thank you for your participation in today's meeting. Below are Monday, July 25 minutes. This is a new email chain which will begin each week. Please let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

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**Present: In Attendance**

- COV Homelessness Services: Sue Baker, Bruk Melles, Bob Moss, Celine Maboules
- COV ACCS: Sandra Singh, MaryClare Zak, Diana Hurford, Phoenix Lam
- COV Engineering: Albert Shames, Mike Zupan, Lisa Parker, Krystyna Domes, Amy Sidwell
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- VCH: Steph Partridge, Elizabeth Holliday, Richard Taki, Randy Ash

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**1. Emerging issues-Fire order:**

- ☐ Fire Order will likely be issued this afternoon; multiple people receive the order simultaneously so news will travel quickly
- ☐ Chief Fry will inform Sandra when it's going out



☐-~ VPD will be informed (Inspector Tran and his rep on the call today)

☐-~ Action: ~ Sue to let VPD know via email

☐-~ Action: ~ Sue to let the 8am group know

## 2. Structure Removal Plan

- ENG and VFRS are working on priority area list
  - This will inform the schedule block by block
  - List will include building by building details access requirements
    - 1.~ Regent will likely be first building because of fire watch
    - 2.~ Mark (VAHA) has fencing lined up to secure Regent after structures removed
  - Market Block will be a little different than residential blocks
    - 1.~ ACTION: ENG will share schedule once drafted
- Plan is currently for VPD to not accompany; initially ENG to work with community partners to implement
  - VPD will require notice before attending ( request is 7 days to ensure sufficient resourcing)
  - VPD require time to conduct risk assessments for interventions

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## 3. Community meetings

- Today at 9am with VANDU, they will be provided a further update
- Structure removal includes tents
- Recognize that the questions around housing options will be there; while this continues to be a gap; fire/life safety is the order of priority due to extreme life/safety risk
- Planning meeting to continue tomorrow
  - ~ Action: Bruk to set up for tomorrow
  - ~ Action: Add Scenario Planning to tomorrow's planning meeting

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## 4. Storage/Washrooms/ other planning for people

- Planning underway for storage both short and long-term
- Sanitation to work with Dianna on short term immediate options for individuals to store structures or belongings on a short term basis
- Misting station is up and running at Pidgeon Park
- Contractor is back and bathroom hookup to be determined ~-APT at Pigeon Park ~

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## 5. Communications

☐-~ Community updates will go out after community meeting at 9:00 a.m.

- ACTION:** Community Update will be sent out after the VANDU meeting on Monday morning ☐ 9:30am or later

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**Date:** 7/15/2022 4:42:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Propane tanks

Dave  
Much appreciated to you and your team.

Karen Fry  
GM/Fire Chief Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

On Jul 15, 2022, at 3:49 PM, Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi Chief Fry,

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Just an update for you. We had myself and 3 Fire Prevention Staff attend the Hastings Street Tent Encampment today to try to improve fire safety by getting the folks to voluntarily give up their propane tanks. 3 Sanitation staff assisted with a truck to pick up the propane, ~and with the help of Tara Taylor from the Overdose Prevention Site we were able to remove 16~ ~20lb tanks and 3 smaller ones.

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Tara was able to do a great deal of the pre-work on this by visiting each tent prior to our arrival and asking folks to voluntarily give up their tanks. Having her on scene with our staff proved to be very valuable as she was able to bridge the gap very well between the people on the street and city staff. Tara recorded the people's names and tagged their tanks in case they want it back in the future.

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Thanks also to Mike Zupan's staff as well!

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I have included a couple of pictures of the blocked FDC's and doorways that are still an issue on the street. I mentioned to Tara that this is the next phase that we would like to move towards is access to the buildings and to the FDC's. She is going to work with the Block Fire Captain's to try to facilitate this for us.

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This will likely be a long haul, but it was a good start today.







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**Date:** 7/12/2022 1:53:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Public educators

Hi Rick

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This is a priority for the City and most likely one of the biggest risks we have currently. VanDu will be purchasing extinguishers today and placing them with certain residents as well as potentially some safety captains. They also need to understand what a fire watch is, how to call 911 etc.

I think that we need to work around the Stanley Park event – and do the Hastings st either in the afternoon or Friday.

I will send you the contact for who is organizing.

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Also, don't forget some printed materials for distribution.

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**Subject:** RE: Public educators

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Chief, our public educators have already arranged to provide extinguisher training to Park Board members at Crab Park tomorrow afternoon, at the request of Parks.\~ I understand some extinguishers will be installed near the encampment, thus the need for this training.\~

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Is the Thursday date related to this?\~ This Thursday our public educators will be in Stanley Park teaming up with Park Rangers in providing fire safety education on outdoor fires, Lithium ion batteries, etc., so if the Thursday extinguisher training could be moved to next week, would be better.

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Rick

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**Date:** 7/27/2022 8:33:38 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Questions from Our Streets - Meeting with City of Vancouver on July 25 2022  
**Attachments:** Chiefs Order - Hastings Tents July 21st.pdf

Hi Vince - \~the fire order is attached.

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Apologies for it taking a bit to get back to you but we wanted to have some information to provide prior to doing so.

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Yesterday we worked through timelines including the information on the fire order about the 27<sup>th</sup>. \~ You'll see below that we are holding to the timeline and general plan to provide information to people over the next week (through August 2<sup>nd</sup>) and then focus on the priority structure areas that you have addresses for starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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The information below will be emailed broadly to community groups in the DTES later today – hopefully this \~ morning. \~

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We are available to meet anytime and would welcome that. \~ mc \~



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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. \~\~\~\~

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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. \~\~

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and second phase that begins on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. \~Note that the first phase, between today (July 27) and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, is focussed on providing people with information. \~The second phase, beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>, will include the removal of structures and once we have details on this, we will share this with you. \~\~

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

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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.

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We are very appreciative of the efforts made by the Overdose 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.

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

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- 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

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Further, the City has secured a budget and is adding the following resources. \~We will update you



at least weekly on progress made on the following:

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- 2 additional washrooms, including one at Pigeon Park.\~ Both will be peer managed and supervised.

- 2 additional drop in spaces.\~ Both spaces have been identified, and work is underway to secure leases and/or organize programs arrangements. \~One space will be leased by an urban Indigenous run non profit organization, and another will focus on creating a gender safe including for Indigenous women.

-Storage facilities are also being secured.

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City staff will continue to provide housing outreach support to find out what people's needs are.

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

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

[DTESupdates@vancouver.ca](mailto:DTESupdates@vancouver.ca)

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

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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.

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

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

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#### **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

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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

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#### **What Does Enforcement Look Like?**

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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.\~

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#### Where Can I Store My Belongings?

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- The City will work with community partners to arrange storage for people in the immediate term.

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- We will provide more information as part of street cleaning and community outreach.

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- 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.

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#### What Will the City Do?

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- We will continue to deliver washrooms (Pigeon Park, Washroom Trailers), storage and drop-in space, and food programs.

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- Carnegie Outreach will continue outreach work to ensure we know people's needs

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- We will continue working with BC Housing on housing and shelter options.

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- We will work with VCH and Indigenous partners on mental health and Indigenous healing and wellness programs.

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**From:** Meenakshi Manoe <meenakshi@pivotlegal.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 12:02 PM

**To:** Vince Tao <vince@vandu.org>; Sandy Laframboise s.22(1) >; Ali, Shabna <Shabna.Ali@vancouver.ca>; Baker, Sue <Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca>; Brandee Lee s.22(1) >; Elli Taylor s.22(1) >; Hurford, Dianna <Dianna.Hurford@vancouver.ca>; Magnusson, Rachel <Rachel.Magnusson@vancouver.ca>; McDermott, Jonathan <Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca>; McRae-Smith, Bronwen <Bronwen.McRae-Smith@vancouver.ca>; Melles, Bruk <Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca>; Morrison, Haig <Haig.Morrison@vancouver.ca>; Parker, Lisa <Lisa.Parker@vancouver.ca>; Scollard, Taryn <taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca>; Shamess, Albert <Albert.Shamess@vancouver.ca>; Southard, Rose <Rose.Southard@vancouver.ca>; Sumter-Freitag, April <April.Sumter-Freitag@vancouver.ca>; Zak, MaryClare <MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca>; Zupan, Mike <mike.zupan@vancouver.ca>; eli@vandu.org, s.22(1) Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>

**Subject:** [EXT] Re: Questions from Our Streets - Meeting with City of Vancouver on July 25 2022

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Can anyone provide a copy of the Chief's order? ASAP?

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"Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services Chief Karen Fry on Monday ordered that up to 150 tent /tarpaulin structures that have appeared this month on Hastings Street in the Downtown Eastside be removed by Thursday morning because they pose a fire and safety hazard."

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Why are we forced to learn about this deadline through media reports? Isn't that the point of the Working Group?

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<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/vancouver-fire-department-orders-tent-city-along-hastings-street-to-be-dismantled> [vancouver.sun.com]

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On 25 Jul 2022, at 14:54, Meenakshi Mannoe <[meenakshi@pivotlegal.org](mailto:meenakshi@pivotlegal.org)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

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Sharing a set of questions from Our Streets that we need addressed during our meeting today:

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- Foremost, we recognize the continued acts of interference, displacement, and targeting of people who rely on public space as a **hostile decampment** and is at odds with the human rights of folks who shelter on public space \~
  - Media stories have also described folks sheltering along Hastings as part of a **tent city** \~



- [Concerns flare about Vancouver tent city scaring away tourism from local businesses \[vancouverisawesome.com\]](#)
- ['Threatened with bodily harm': Vancouverites express safety concerns about new tent city \[vancouverisawesome.com\]](#)
- [Vancouver has a new tent city. This time it's in the street, not a park \[globalnews.ca\]](#)
- [Man in wheelchair stabbed as tensions rise at East Hastings Street tent city \[globalnews.ca\]](#)
- Encampment is defined by the "A National Protocol for Homeless Encampments in Canada: A Human Rights Approach [\[make-the-shift.org\]](#)"

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- Timing of a *Fire Services Act* order
  - pope visit to canada and the continued impact of the 215+ and the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools & Sixties Scoop on survivors who rely on public space
  - Announcement of a [heat advisory \[weather.gc.ca\]](#) - A heat wave will impact British Columbia this week
  - Shooting of homeless residents in a nearby municipality
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- Requests for the Fire Department
  - We note that VFRS has never done a study on tent fires. Before VFRS goes in with an evacuation order issues an order to dismantle & decamp, please provide evidence that this would make DTES community members lives more fire-safe
  - Based on reporting by [BC Coroners Services \[gov.bc.ca\]](#), tent fires are a tiny part of the "accidental deaths"
  - Fire safety has been driving displacement and banishment for decades with no evidence that it keeps people safe
  - Displacement of people from Hastings will increase overdose & fatality risks by driving isolation. VFRS is currently dedicating significant resources to addressing the contaminated drug supply, ordering displacement /dismantling/decampment specifically increases safety risks (including overdose risk) that contracts VFRS own role in the public health emergency
  - Are you in conversation with other fire departments about fire safety & harm reduction, what is the provincial protocol
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- Role of BC Housing & City of Vancouver Homelessness Services
  - Myriad issues with the current housing stock make them unlivable
  - Can BCH, COV & VFRS assure us that they are moving people into buildings that are firesafe
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- City of Vancouver
  - Can the City advise where they are telling people to go as they tell people

- o they need to space out\~
- o If Our Streets is telling people to move and/or comply with fire safety, can we get a guarantee they won't be further displaced?\~
  - We have no room to maneuver and cannot risk contact with private security and/or police\~
  - We need amnesty as we are in an encampment situation
- o What storage options are coming online immediately\~
- o We have ideas for each Block but need them to guarantee they won't interfere\~
- o Please address how you interpret the [MOU on Support for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents: 2021 MAR 31](#)
- o Continued role of the VPD is at odds with the commitments of our working group\~
  - \~
- Emergency Heat Response (urgent for this week)\~
  - o What is the emergency heat response for folks who shelter on public space - Elders, people who use drugs are at risk\~
    - Fountains
    - Cooling centres
    - Misting stations\~
    - Cooling chamois, cooling cloths (premade bag with a wet chamois)\~
    - Ice water\~
    - Instant ice packs\~
    - Water bottles
    - Hydrolyte, emergenC
  - o CPPDW have been making heat kits, funds from the City can help build more\~

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**Meenakshi Mannoe**

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Criminalization & Policing Campaigner

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**From:** Meenakshi Mannoe <[meenakshi@pivotlegal.org](mailto:meenakshi@pivotlegal.org)>

**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 at 12:45 PM

**To:** Vince Tao <[vince@vandu.org](mailto:vince@vandu.org)>, Sandy Laframboise  
<[s.22\(1\)](#)>

**Cc:** "Ali, Shabna" <[Shabna.Ali@vancouver.ca](mailto:Shabna.Ali@vancouver.ca)>, "Baker, Sue" <[Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca)>, Brandee Lee [s.22\(1\)](#), Elli Taylor [s.22\(1\)](#), "Hurford, Dianna" <[Dianna.Hurford@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dianna.Hurford@vancouver.ca)>, "Magnusson, Rachel"



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s.22(1) " s.22(1) >

**Subject:** Re: DRAFT agenda for this afternoon's Decrim Poverty Meeting

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Hello everyone,

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In advance of our meeting at 3:30 PM today, I am reiterating the request that this meeting take place in the community. While the hybrid format creates accessibility especially for folks joining from out of town, the decisions coming from the City have serious implications and we want to walk the streets with you and not make boardroom decisions that are removed from the realities for folks sheltering in public space. Happy to meet at Woodward's and go from there.

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Thank you,

Meenakshi

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**Meenakshi Mannoe**

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 09:00**






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| <hr/>                           |  | Karen Fry                                                                           |  |
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**From:** "Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Qereshniku, Natasha" <Natasha.Qereshniku@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 7/8/2022 12:09:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: RE: Fire at 163 and 169 East Hastings follow up

Hi Natasha

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VFRS did complete a search of the building, where it was safe, prior to it being fenced off. As always, there are areas that have sustained very heavy fire damage with roof collapse, and therefore not 100% of the building could be searched.

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This building is a non-residential building, what we would classify as an Assembly Occupancy. Additionally, we have had no reports of individuals who may have been in the building or who may be missing.

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**From:** Qereshniku, Natasha <Natasha.Qereshniku@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 12:03 PM  
**To:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Trudeau, Matthew <Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Fire at 163 and 169 East Hastings follow up

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Hi Chief Fry,

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I'm reaching out as I know Matt is off today, regarding yesterday's fire at 163 and 169 East Hastings.

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We have heard from CPS on site that members of the public and possibly media have been asking if the building was cleared for occupants. They are not providing any comments at this time but it would be helpful if they had a holding line until the building owner's security can be present onsite.

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Can we confirm from Fire that the building was cleared for occupants prior to the area being fenced off?

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Much appreciated,

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**From:** "Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Wilkinson, Scott" <swilkinson@winnipeg.ca>  
**Date:** 7/26/2022 10:26:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: SOLO SCBA washer/encampment orders?

Hi Scott

Attaching DC Tyler Moore re the washer and DC Renning/AC Meers for the DTES fire chief orders.

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Thanks,

Karen

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**From:** Wilkinson, Scott <swilkinson@winnipeg.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:52 AM  
**To:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Wilkinson, Scott <swilkinson@winnipeg.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXT] SOLO SCBA washer/encampment orders?

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Hi Chief

Sorry to bug but was hoping you could help me out with a couple of questions.

- A) \~\~\~\~\~ I was told Vancouver had purchased a SOLO SCBA washer and I was wondering if you could connect me with whomever could provide feedback on how this is working for you as we are looking at these as well?
- B) \~\~\~\~\~ I read about the encampment vacate orders in Vancouver and was hoping to connect with whomever is leading this assessment /decision and process as we continue to deal with encampment issues here as well.\~ Can you direct me who to touch base with on this to compare notes.

Thank you

Scott

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**From:** "Connelly, Trevor" <trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "VFRS Acting AC1C" s.15(1)(l)  
"Firehall 02 - C Shift" s.15(1)(l)  
"Moore, Tyler" <tyler.moore@vancouver.ca>  
"Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
"Gemmell, Ken" <ken.gemmell@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 7/28/2022 10:49:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Tent city on Hastings and FF safety

Capt Sommer

Thank you for your email. Some negativity was anticipated towards VFRS with the issuing of the Fire chiefs order. As was taught in our FO training FF safety is your number one Incident priority. \~ You may need to adjust your tactics in order to achieve this. \~ You may need to slow down the deployment of your teams to ensure a driver is not left alone. Call VPD emergency, call extra apparatus emergency. It seems unlikely that negativity would continue in an active fire situation.\~

I have included Chief Fry and Chief Moore in this E mail to ensure they are aware of your concerns.\~

I will talk with chief Moore to see if we can have VPD respond automatically as part of any first alarm in your area. \~ We will let you know the results\~

Again thank you for your email and sending it through the proper chain of command. Information and feedback from front line staff is what we need to make good decisions.\~

Deputy Chief Operations\~  
Trevor Connelly

s.15(1)(l)

On Jul 28, 2022, at 10:17 PM, VFRS Acting AC1C  
<s.15(1)(l)> wrote:

Chief Connelly,

\~ Please see email below from #2C\~Captain Sommer\~in regards the general mood of Hastings Street Community\~towards our\~VFRS members.\~ The decision to deal with the tents is right but the potential backlash has

our #2 hall Captains worried.

Thank you,

A/AC Dan\~Nichols

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**From:** VFRS BC 1C  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2022 9:47 PM  
**To:** VFRS Acting AC1C  
**Subject:** FW: Tent city on Hastings and FF safety

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**From:** Firehall 02 - C Shift s.15(1)(l) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2022 8:05 PM  
**To:** VFRS BC and AC1 - C Shift - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Cc:** Firehall 02 - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Subject:** Tent city on Hastings and FF safety

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Hi Chief,  
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With the Fire Chief's order to deal with the tent city on Hastings street and the noticeable negative reaction of the Hastings street community toward the fire dept. a concern for FF safety has come up, especially for drivers. In the event of a full company (VE02, VL02) response to alarms bell ringing and the need to upgrade the incident to a first alarm, after going tactical command to investigate, the driver of the first in apparatus will be in a vulnerable situation when asked to connect into the FD connection. Help for the driver would not be readily available while the other apparatus is staged at a hydrant and preparing to possibly lay a supply line. Until this tent city situation is resolved I feel special attention needs to be addressed for FF safety.

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Thank you for looking into this concern,

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Capt Sommer, P  
2C

**From:** "Cheung, Rick" <rick.cheung@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Gemmill, Ken" <ken.gemmill@vancouver.ca>  
"VFRS Duty Chiefs - DL" s.15(1)(l)  
**Date:** 7/22/2022 8:22:11 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Tents on Hastings Street

Chiefs,

The various departments of the city are coordinating the issuance of the Fire Chief Order with actions on the ground.~ Might be issued early next week.

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Regards,

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Rick Cheung, P.Eng., CP, FEC~ (he/him)  
Assistant Chief, UEL/UBC and Public Education

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**From:** Gemmill, Ken <ken.gemmill@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:29 PM  
**To:** VFRS Duty Chiefs - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Subject:** FW: Tents on Hastings Street

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Good evening Chiefs,

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As Im sure you are all aware, Hastings St From Gore-west to–Abbott is quite a disaster.  
See email below~ I just received from 2 hall after corresponding with a few of the DTES citizens this evening.

I belive the Fire Chief has issued a formal order to the COV to clean up?

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Kenny Gemmill (he/him/his)  
Assistant Chief Operations B Shift, Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services  
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From: Firehall 02 - B Shift s.15(1)(l)

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:21 PM

To: Gemmill, Ken <[ken.gemmill@vancouver.ca](mailto:ken.gemmill@vancouver.ca)>; Firehall 02 - D Shift

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02 - C Shift s.15(1)(l); Firehall 02 - B Shift

s.15(1)(l)

Cc: Morin, Pierre <[Pierre.Morin@vancouver.ca](mailto:Pierre.Morin@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Tents on Hastings Street

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Chief,

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We were notified today via phone call about the tents on Hastings street from Columbia Street to Cambie Street being removed from the sidewalk and put onto Hastings street occupying 3 lanes of traffic. I notified Fire Prevention and Battalion 1 of the potential course of action happening on July 22. We have obvious safety concerns about our ability to perform emergency duties. There are clear implications for our crews and the public. This is outside of our scope and this communication should serve as a notification of our concerns if this is carried out. I trust that this correspondence will find its way to the appropriate authority through the chain of command.

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Kind Regards,

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Captain McKinnon, R

Hall 2 B

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**From:** "Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Domes, Krystyna" <Krystyna.Domes@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 7/24/2022 3:27:48 PM  
**Subject:** Re: TIME SENSITIVE - July 24 NOON - Hastings Structural Removal KMs

Looks fine to me - our concerns are about fire safety, the safety of the occupants, the safety of the residents in the buildings and the safety of our firefighters.

The structures and storage along Hastings St, against the buildings is an extreme fire risk.\~

Karen Fry  
GM/Fire Chief Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

On Jul 24, 2022, at 9:28 AM, Domes, Krystyna  
<Krystyna.Domes@vancouver.ca> wrote:

\*adding Chief Fry.

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**From:** Domes, Krystyna  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2022 9:28 AM  
**To:** Herbert, Chris <chris.herbert@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: TIME SENSITIVE - July 24 NOON - Hastings Structural Removal KMs  
**Importance:** High

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Morning, Chris -

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A friendly reminder to take a look at the DTES issues note and kms doc and provide feedback by noon and I can start on the community updates with signals of structural removal language and will include the updates you shared with me Friday. Once drafted, we will be circulating these docs for your approval Sunday afternoon/evening, and to send out Monday.

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Here is the doc - [Issues Note with Key Messages and Q&A](#) – please let me know when you’ve had a chance to review.

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Chief Fry – I’m not sure if you’re back but would be great to get your eyes on it as well.

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Thanks,

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Krystyna

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**From:** Domes, Krystyna

**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2022 3:41 PM

**To:** Wittgens, Margaret <[margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca](mailto:margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca)>; Shames, Albert <[albert.shames@vancouver.ca](mailto:albert.shames@vancouver.ca)>; Parker, Lisa <[lisa.parker@vancouver.ca](mailto:lisa.parker@vancouver.ca)>; Herbert, Chris <[chris.herbert@vancouver.ca](mailto:chris.herbert@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: TIME SENSITIVE - July 24 9 AM - Hastings Structural Removal KMs

**Importance:** High

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Hi everyone,

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Please see Phoenix's note below regarding review of the Hastings Structure Removal Issues Note and Key Messages. This document will be evolving over the coming week but forms the basis of our communication tactics for the coming days.

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**Please review by Sunday at 9am.**

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If you have any questions or anything to flag please let me know.

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Thanks,

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Krystyna

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Krystyna Domes (she/her)

Communications Manager – Engineering (acting)

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**From:** Lam, Phoenix <[Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca](mailto:Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2022 3:37 PM

**To:** Melles, Bruk <[Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca](mailto:Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca)>; Singh, Sandra <[Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca)>; Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>; Mauboules, Celine <[celine.mauboules@vancouver.ca](mailto:celine.mauboules@vancouver.ca)>

**Cc:** Pontikis, Maria <[Maria.Pontikis@vancouver.ca](mailto:Maria.Pontikis@vancouver.ca)>; MacKenzie, Angela <[Angela.MacKenzie@vancouver.ca](mailto:Angela.MacKenzie@vancouver.ca)>; Domes, Krystyna <[Krystyna.Domes@vancouver.ca](mailto:Krystyna.Domes@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** TIME SENSITIVE - July 24 9 AM - Hastings Structural Removal KMs

**Importance:** High

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Hi All,

As discussed here is the [Issues Note with Key Messages and Q&A](#). Please review and provide feedback **before Sunday 9 AM**. We have heard from Chief Fry and her intent is to issue the Fire Order Monday, this moves up our timeline.

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This means we will need approved KMs to draft the community note Sunday and have it ready to send to BIAs and Community Sunday evening or Monday A.M.

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Depending on developments over the weekend we may wish to push up the IB to same day as the fire order and digital tech brief/media avail earlier as well.

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Sandra I know your preference is VANDOCs for version control. However, teams allows for live simultaneous editing/collaboration and keeps version control, so we thought we would use it as ENG folks and Fire also are editing the doc. I am happy to put it into VANDOC if that is your preference and merge changes. Let me know.

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Thank you and appreciate your attention on the KMs.

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Cheers,

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From: Melles, Bruk <[Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca](mailto:Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 12:41 PM

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Subject: RE: East Hasting Comms Update

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Thanks Phoenix, we'll update the overarching plan doc\~ with your key milestones noted (knowing they can change of course).

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From: Lam, Phoenix <[Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca](mailto:Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 12:04 PM



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**Subject:** East Hasting Comms Update

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Hi Team,

I know we have been in discussions about the roll out of communications products and timing of comms for East Hastings.

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Here is what you can anticipate, let me know if this make sense and works?

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This timeline is \~centred on the work for removing structures to start happening on Wednesday with Fire Order on Tuesday (we are hoping). Do we have a confirmation from Karen when the Fire Order will be issued, does she still plan to issue Monday given our convo about Wednesday?

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#### **TODAY**

Key Messaging and Issues Note to business areas. CEC will also send some outstanding questions we need answered to inform the Comms process.

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I know there is a sense of urgency around getting comms out via a community update to Community/Non-profits and BIAs but we need to finalize the Kms and ensure ENG, ACCS and Fire are all on the same page. Once the KMs are finalized, all communication products (Community Updates, IBs, media statements) will flow from there.\~ This will save us time in the long run; instead of revising multiple communications products, numerous times by different business areas, we have one central doc to pull from.

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#### **MONDAY (Assuming Fire order to go out Tues with work for removing structures beginning Weds)**

A community update for BIAs and a community update ASAP for Non profits will go out. It will flow from the KMs we finalize today/this weekend.

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The Community Update will be centred around how as discussed, there was always a plan to remove structures on east hastings and The City is starting the process shortly. We will also mention our continued work with community, as well as a provide fire safety update. This will set the tone for what's to come next week.

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#### **TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY**

After the fire order is issued, an Information Bulletin will be issued to the Media.

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#### **TBD**

Digital media availability for Celine, Sandra, MC, Chief Fry, Lon, and Lisa post IB or just written

statements to media qs. A decision we will need to make as more things take shape next week.

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I hope that helps, and we will be in touch shortly with the KMs.

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Thanks,

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**From:** "VFRS AC 1A" s.15(1)(l)  
**To:** "Firehall 01 - C Shift" s.15(1)(l)  
"VFRS AC1 - All Shifts - DL" s.15(1)(l)  
"VFRS Duty Chiefs - DL" s.15(1)(l)  
**Date:** 7/15/2022 6:27:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Unsafe and dangerous area of E.Hastings

Captain Bridger

We are in the process of dealing with the issues regarding tents and E. Hastings.  
I have forwarded this to the exempt staff for documentation.

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AC Morishita

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**From:** Firehall 01 - C Shift s.15(1)(l)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:13 PM  
**To:** VFRS AC1 - All Shifts - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Cc:** VFRS BC1 - All Shifts - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Subject:** Unsafe and dangerous area of E.Hastings

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FYI Chiefs,

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VE-1 responded to a routine call 16 E.Hastings today and we were unable to drive in the curb lane. The tents and clutter on the sidewalk has force the people to use the curb lane as a pedestrian path and an extension of their garbage dump. The perils of trying to walk from the middle lane through the urban campsites is getting worse. The open flames from high

powered butane torches and open and unsecure syringes is an added and unnecessary risk to our members. Kevlar pants and gloves may be helpful in this new utopia or dystopia.

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Capt. Bridger K

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**From:** "Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Short, Chris" <chris.short@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 7/13/2022 8:23:11 AM  
**Subject:** RE: VANDU Fire and Life Safety Training

You guys are awesome!!! Thanks so much.

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**From:** Short, Chris <chris.short@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 8:23 AM  
**To:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Cheung, Rick <rick.cheung@vancouver.ca>; Craig, Christian <Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca>; Bryant, Kelsey <Kelsey.Bryant@vancouver.ca>; Stoliker, Kim <Kim.Stoliker@vancouver.ca>; Trudeau, Matthew <Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: VANDU Fire and Life Safety Training

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Hello Chief Fry

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Understood and understand the consistency of this messaging.

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Thank You

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Chris Short\~ (he, him, his)

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**From:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** July 12, 2022 05:29 PM  
**To:** Short, Chris <chris.short@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: VANDU Fire and Life Safety Training

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Chris,

Please make sure that our message continues to be: \~ these are not safe whatsoever, But we want you to be as safe as you can under the current circumstances.

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From: Short, Chris <[chris.short@vancouver.ca](mailto:chris.short@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 4:52 PM

To: Vince Tao <[vince@vandu.org](mailto:vince@vandu.org)>; Cheung, Rick <[rick.cheung@vancouver.ca](mailto:rick.cheung@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Craig, Christian <[Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>;

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MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>; Zupan, Mike <[mike.zupan@vancouver.ca](mailto:mike.zupan@vancouver.ca)>; Fry, Karen

<[Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca](mailto:Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: VANDU Fire and Life Safety Training

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Hello Vince

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Confirming that 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.

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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.

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We look forward to training with your group tomorrow.

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If you have any questions or concerns my work cell number is s.15(1)(l)

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Thank you

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Chris Short\~ (he, him, his)

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From: Vince Tao <[vince@vandu.org](mailto:vince@vandu.org)>



Sent: July 12, 2022 03:34 PM

To: Cheung, Rick <[rick.cheung@vancouver.ca](mailto:rick.cheung@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Short, Chris <[chris.short@vancouver.ca](mailto:chris.short@vancouver.ca)>; Craig, Christian <[Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Tara Taylor <[tara@spencercree.ca](mailto:tara@spencercree.ca)>; Trudeau, Matthew <[Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca](mailto:Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca)>; Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>; Zupan, Mike <[mike.zupan@vancouver.ca](mailto:mike.zupan@vancouver.ca)>; Fry, Karen <[Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca](mailto:Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: [EXT] Re: [EXT] Re: Meeting today re: fire hazard concerns

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Hi Rick,

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Thanks for looping everyone in. I can be reached at 778-814-8836 as well. Thanks!

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On Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 3:33 PM Cheung, Rick <[rick.cheung@vancouver.ca](mailto:rick.cheung@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hi Vince,

I am looping in here our Public Education Captain Chris Short and Lieutenant Christian Craig to make the arrangements with the training.~ Hopefully the training could be arranged for Wednesday (tomorrow).

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Regards,

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Rick Cheung, P.Eng., CP, FEC~ (he/him/his)

Assistant Chief, UEL/UBC and Public Education

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From: Vince Tao <[vince@vandu.org](mailto:vince@vandu.org)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 2:29 PM

To: Fry, Karen <[Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca](mailto:Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Cheung, Rick <[rick.cheung@vancouver.ca](mailto:rick.cheung@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Tara Taylor <[tara@spencercree.ca](mailto:tara@spencercree.ca)>; Trudeau, Matthew <[Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca](mailto:Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca)>; Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>; Zupan, Mike <[mike.zupan@vancouver.ca](mailto:mike.zupan@vancouver.ca)>

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Hi everyone,

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Thanks for getting back to us so quickly. CRAB Park is a bit far for our block stewards, would it be possible for your team to do an additional training tomorrow or Thursday closer to the block, like at Pigeon Park?

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Let us know soonest,

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On Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 1:56 PM Fry, Karen <[Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca](mailto:Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hi Tara

I am bringing in to the meeting Assistant Chief Rick Cheung who oversees our public educators. From my understanding, there will be some fire extinguisher training tomorrow (Wednesday) at Crab Park that your group may be able to get in on.

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If I could leave to you to work through him to coordinate the training/education/brochures that would be great.

Chief Cheung, Tara and Vince are working with VanDu and the DTES community and understand our concerns re fire safety.

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Thanks,

Karen

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:01 AM

**To:** Zak, MaryClare; 'Tara Taylor'; 'Vince Tao'; Zupan, Mike

**Cc:** Fry, Karen

**Subject:** Meeting today re: fire hazard concerns

**When:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Webex

**Importance:** High

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*Good morning both;*

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*After talking with the Fire Chief this morning (Karen Fry) we are hoping to be able to meet with you both today with a rep from the Fire Department – it may be Karen or whomever is available.*



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*We know that this was discussed yesterday -- but important to have a conversation w/Fire ahead of tomorrow's coalition meeting and to see what steps OPS might be able to take on a more immediate basis.*

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*And this way we start to engage Fire asap.*

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*Jhoanna will work to set something up for 30 minutes. ~ mc*

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**From:** "Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Domes, Krystyna" <krystyna.domes@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 7/22/2022 8:25:16 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Community Update: East Hastings Street

Definitely, Acting Chief Chris Herbert can coordinate with our Fire Prevention Chiefs.

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**From:** Domes, Krystyna <Krystyna.Domes@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Pontikis, Maria <Maria.Pontikis@vancouver.ca>; Lam, Phoenix <Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Weekly Community Update: East Hastings Street

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Hi Chief Fry,

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We are planning to put out another weekly DTES community update this Friday and was hoping you or someone from your team would be able to work together with us on or provide a section with a fire safety update. Knowing this is a key issue of concern for the community we want to ensure the messaging about fire hazards and mitigating actions underway are reflected as a top line item.

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Also, we have been sharing the community update with Mayor and Council along with some key messages they can use. Are there any messages from Fire we can include? For reference, below is what was shared last week.

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Thanks,

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Krystyna Domes (she/her)  
Communications Manager – Engineering (acting)  
City of Vancouver  
[krystyna.domes@vancouver.ca](mailto:krystyna.domes@vancouver.ca)

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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)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

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

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

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- ☐~~~~~ 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.

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

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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)

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Dear Community Stakeholder, \~

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



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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). \~

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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. \~\~

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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. \~

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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. \~

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**What is happening short term?** \~

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*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. \~

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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.

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

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*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.\~

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#### *Accessibility\~\~*

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

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#### *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. \~

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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.\~

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#### **What is happening longer term?\~**

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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.\~

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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.\~

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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. \~\~

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We will have more to share in the coming days and weeks. We will keep everyone – individuals experiencing homelessness, businesses, community stakeholders and non-profit



groups – informed as we finalize our longer-term plan. \~

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

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Taryn Scollard** at [taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca](mailto:taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca) or **Sandra Singh** at [sandra.singh@vancouver.ca](mailto:sandra.singh@vancouver.ca).

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Sincerely,

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**From:** ["Lam, Phoenix" <Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca)  
**To:** ["Zak, MaryClare" <MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca>](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)  
["Fry, Karen" <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca)  
["Trudeau, Matthew" <Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca)  
**Date:** 7/26/2022 4:57:42 PM  
**Subject:** Re: What can be shared with community re: order? Questions from Our Streets - Meeting with City of Vancouver on July 25 2022

Hi Karen and Matthew,  
Can you provide a copy of the fire order for MC to share with the working group since the word is out to media on Thursday? I can also share the city's copy with your blessing?\~

MC there is a 530 pm call today as well to finalize the flyer and once that's finalized tonight or tmw am we can share?

Thanks,  
PL

Sent from my iPhone. Apologies for brevity and typos.

On Jul 26, 2022, at 4:52 PM, Zak, MaryClare <MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi there – below is the email that we need to respond to re: the order.\~

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Perhaps we respond and attach the flyer to this?

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OR – just say more information coming?

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This is from the City's working group.\~

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**From:** Meenakshi Mannoe <meenakshi@pivotlegal.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 12:02 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Re: Questions from Our Streets - Meeting with City of Vancouver on July 25  
2022

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Can anyone provide a copy of the Chief's order? ASAP?

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"Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services Chief Karen Fry on Monday ordered that up to 150 tent  
/tarpaulin structures that have appeared this month on Hastings Street in the Downtown  
Eastside be removed by Thursday morning because they pose a fire and safety hazard."

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Why are we forced to learn about this deadline through media reports? Isn't that the point of  
the Working Group?

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[https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/vancouver-fire-department-orders-tent-city-  
along-hastings-street-to-be-dismantled](https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/vancouver-fire-department-orders-tent-city-along-hastings-street-to-be-dismantled) [vancouversun.com]

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the \~original message.*

On 25 Jul 2022, at 14:54, Meenakshi Mannoe <[meenakshi@pivotlegal.org](mailto:meenakshi@pivotlegal.org)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

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Sharing a set of questions from Our Streets that we need addressed during our meeting today:

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- Foremost, we recognize the continued acts of interference, displacement, and targeting of people who rely on public space as a **hostile decampment** and is at odds with the human rights of folks who shelter on public space
  - Media stories have also described folks sheltering along Hastings as part of a **tent city**
    - [Concerns flare about Vancouver tent city scaring away tourism from local businesses \[vancouverisawesome.com\]](#)
    - ['Threatened with bodily harm': Vancouverites express safety concerns about new tent city \[vancouverisawesome.com\]](#)
    - [Vancouver has a new tent city. This time it's in the street, not a park \[globalnews.ca\]](#)
    - [Man in wheelchair stabbed as tensions rise at East Hastings Street tent city \[globalnews.ca\]](#)
  - **Encampment** is defined by the ["A National Protocol for Homeless Encampments in Canada: A Human Rights Approach \[make-the-shift.org\]"](#)

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- Timing of a *Fire Services Act* order
  - pope visit to Canada and the continued impact of the 215+ and the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools & Sixties Scoop on survivors who rely on public space
  - Announcement of a [heat advisory \[weather.gc.ca\]](#) - A heat wave will impact British Columbia this week
  - Shooting of homeless residents in a nearby municipality
- Requests for the Fire Department
  - We note that VFRS has never done a study on tent fires. Before VFRS goes in with an evacuation order issues an order to dismantle & decamp, please provide evidence that this would make DTES community members' lives more fire-safe
  - Based on reporting by [BC Coroners Services \[gov.bc.ca\]](#), tent fires are a tiny part of the "accidental deaths"
  - Fire safety has been driving displacement and banishment for decades with no evidence that it keeps people safe
  - Displacement of people from Hastings will increase overdose & fatality risks by driving isolation. VFRS is currently dedicating significant resources to addressing the contaminated drug supply, ordering displacement/dismantling/decampment specifically increases safety risks (including overdose risk) that contracts VFRS



- o own role in the public health emergency\~
  - o Are you in conversation with other fire departments about fire safety & harm reduction, what is the provincial protocol\~
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- Role of BC Housing & City of Vancouver Homelessness Services\~
  - o Myriad issues with the current housing stock make them unlivable\~
  - o Can BCH, COV & VFRS assure us that they are moving people into buildings that are firesafe\~
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- City of Vancouver
  - o Can the City advise where they are telling people to go as they tell people they need to space out\~
  - o If Our Streets is telling people to move and/or comply with fire safety, can we get a guarantee they won't be further displaced?\~
    - We have no room to maneuver and cannot risk contact with private security and/or police\~
    - We need amnesty as we are in an encampment situation
  - o What storage options are coming online immediately\~
  - o We have ideas for each Block but need them to guarantee they won't interfere\~
  - o Please address how you interpret the [MOU on Support for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents: 2021 MAR 31](#)
  - o Continued role of the VPD is at odds with the commitments of our working group\~
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- Emergency Heat Response (urgent for this week)\~
  - o What is the emergency heat response for folks who shelter on public space - Elders, people who use drugs are at risk\~
    - Fountains
    - Cooling centres
    - Misting stations\~
    - Cooling chamois, cooling cloths (premade bag with a wet chamois)\~
    - Ice water\~
    - Instant ice packs\~
    - Water bottles
    - Hydrolyte, emergenC
  - o CPPDW have been making heat kits, funds from the City can help build more\~

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**Subject:** Re: DRAFT agenda for this afternoon's Decrim Poverty Meeting

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Hello everyone,

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In advance of our meeting at 3:30 PM today, I am reiterating the request that this meeting take place in the community. While the hybrid format creates accessibility especially for folks joining from out of town, the decisions coming from the City have serious implications and we want to walk the streets with you and not make boardroom decisions that are removed from the realities for folks sheltering in public space. Happy to meet at Woodward's and go from there.

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Thank you,

Meenakshi

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["EOC Situation Report - DL"](#) s.15(1)(l)  
**Date:** 9/1/2022 1:51:26 PM  
**Subject:** EOC Action Plan #4 (Sept 1 - 7)  
**Attachments:** EM - Hastings Destructuring Action Plan #4 - 2022-09-01.pdf

Hello all,

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Attached is the EOC Action Plan for operational period number four which will run from Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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Best,

Elizabeth

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Elizabeth Clark | EOC Planning Chief

City of Vancouver Emergency Operations Centre

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## 1. EVENT

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Location Name: 111 West Hastings Street

Event/Incident: Hastings Destructuring

Task #: n/a

EM Incident #: EM-0062

Date: September 1, 2022

For next Operational Period # 4

From: September 1, 2022

To: September 7, 2022

Prepared by: Elizabeth Clark

Section: Planning

Position: EOC Planning Chief

## 2. OBJECTIVES

**Objective:** Remove priority structures from sidewalks along Hastings Street

| Related tasks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Section responsible   | Completed by |
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| Remove structures from 10 priority sites that are impeding building entrances & exits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | OPS – ENG             | Ongoing      |
| Ensure that fire department connections remain clear of structures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | OPS – ENG             | Ongoing      |
| Remove structures at the following additional priority locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regent Hotel (continued)</li> <li>7-19 E Hastings (new)</li> <li>41-57 E Hastings (continued)</li> <li>123 &amp; 123 ½ E Hastings (continued)</li> <li>148-140 E Hastings (new)</li> <li>40-12 E Hastings (market) (new)</li> </ul> | OPS – ENG             | Ongoing      |
| Improve general conditions and continue removing structures and material to reduce fire risk, fuel load and congestion on Hastings between Abbott and Gore.                                                                                                                                                                                  | OPS – ENG             | Ongoing      |
| Work with Engineering to develop mapping process to track structure removal progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | PLAN – Situation Unit | Sept. 2      |

**Objective:** Identify additional supports and tactics to accelerate voluntary destructuring and connect people to shelter and housing.

| Related tasks                                                                                                                    | Section responsible     | Completed by |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Enhance information flow from Engineering staff to Outreach staff regarding people who require additional outreach and supports. | OPS – ENG<br>OPS - ACCS | Sept. 7      |
| Work with BC Housing at Coordinated Access and Assessment Table to determine next steps for those requiring additional supports. | OPS - ACCS              | Ongoing      |
| Identify alternative approaches to street clearing and sanitation.                                                               | OPS – ENG               | Sept. 7      |
| Determine if there are additional actions that can be taken through outreach and community supports                              | OPS - ACCS              | Sept. 7      |

**Objective:** Support Social Policy to accelerate and expand storage options and drop-in spaces

| Related tasks                                                                         | Section responsible | Completed by |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Finalize agreement for the use of 320 Alexander as a drop in space.                   | OPS - ACCS          | Sept. 7      |
| Explore partnership with PHS on use of space at 27 W Hastings for short term storage. | OPS - ACCS          | Sept. 7      |

**Objective:** Finalize installation of a peer supported APT (Automated Public Toilet) in Pigeon Park

| Related tasks | Section responsible | Completed by |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
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| Schedule installation and security plan for the peer kiosk (Britco).                                                                                               | OPS – ENG                  | In progress<br>(completed<br>by Sept. 9) |
| <b>Objective:</b> Deploy and operationalize a peer supported mobile washroom trailer at Gore and Hastings St.                                                      |                            |                                          |
| <b>Related tasks</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Section responsible</b> | <b>Completed by</b>                      |
| Update option analysis and costing model for revised staffing and security plan.                                                                                   | OPS – ACCS                 | Sept. 6                                  |
| Modify staffing and security contracts to meet revised operating model.                                                                                            | OPS – ACCS                 | In progress<br>(completed<br>by Sept. 9) |
| Coordinate temporary power to the trailer and delivery logistics.                                                                                                  | OPS – ACCS                 | In progress<br>(completed<br>by Sept. 9) |
| Coordinate devliery and installation of staff trailer and washroom trailer.                                                                                        | OPS – ACCS                 | In progress<br>(completed<br>by Sept. 9) |
| <b>Objective:</b> Continue focus on health, safety and wellness for EOC and field staff                                                                            |                            |                                          |
| <b>Related tasks</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Section responsible</b> | <b>Completed by</b>                      |
| Establish guidelines for sharing sensitive information that may be triggering to recipients.                                                                       | SAFETY (OH&S)              | Sept. 2                                  |
| <b>Objective:</b> Provide proactive communication to people sheltering outdoors, media, BIAs, City staff and the public about the City's services and initiatives. |                            |                                          |
| <b>Related tasks</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Section responsible</b> | <b>Completed by</b>                      |
| Develop scenario-based communications planning to align with potential operational responses/pivots.                                                               | INFO                       | Sept. 6                                  |
| Create updated 311 messaging to support business and public inquiries                                                                                              | INFO                       | Sept. 2                                  |
| Prep key GM's for media interviews.                                                                                                                                | INFO                       | Sept. 2                                  |
| Create issues log and approval process/RACI to support ongoing updates to BIAs.                                                                                    | Liaison Officer            | In progress<br>(completed<br>by Sept. 9) |
| <b>Objective:</b> Develop interim sustainment strategy for management of Hastings Street (next 6-8 months)                                                         |                            |                                          |
| <b>Related tasks</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Section responsible</b> | <b>Completed by</b>                      |
| Identify funding sources to support interim strategy.                                                                                                              | PLAN – Advanced Planning   | Sept. 2                                  |
| Finalize resourcing plan for interim strategy and receive approval.                                                                                                | PLAN – Advanced Planning   | Sept. 6                                  |
| Identify strategies to improve public realm and minimize structures at high-risk infrastructure.                                                                   | PLAN – Advanced Planning   | Sept. 7                                  |
| Develop Engineering Sanitation and City Protective Services operational plan.                                                                                      | PLAN – Advanced Planning   | Sept. 7                                  |
| Monitor for opportunities to offset costs through available grants.                                                                                                | FINANCE                    | Ongoing                                  |
| <b>Objective:</b> Conduct contingency planning for potential scenarios and operational responses                                                                   |                            |                                          |
| <b>Related tasks</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Section responsible</b> | <b>Completed by</b>                      |

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| Hold follow up meeting on scenario planning for critical incidents and involuntary de structuring to identify planning requirements.                                                                                                                                                     |                            | EOC Director                                                                                 | Sept. 7         |
| <b>Objective:</b> Review the EOC's internal governance structure and integrate with provincial framework                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |                                                                                              |                 |
| <b>Related tasks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Section responsible</b> | <b>Completed by</b>                                                                          |                 |
| Establish the EOC Policy Group/executive oversight group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | EOC Director               | Sept. 6                                                                                      |                 |
| Confirm EOC linkage to committees and working groups being led by the Province/BC Housing.                                                                                                                                                                                               | EOC Director               | Sept. 6                                                                                      |                 |
| Revise standing EOC meeting schedule, agendas and participants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | EOC Director               | Sept. 6                                                                                      |                 |
| Create and share a visual to illustrate the areas of EOC internal and external alignment and connection.                                                                                                                                                                                 | EOC Planning               | Sept. 7                                                                                      |                 |
| <b>3. APPROVALS</b> <i>(Planning Chief to review, sign &amp; forward to EOC Director for final authorization)</i>                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                                                                                              |                 |
| <b>Reviewed by:</b><br>Planning Chief: Elizabeth Clark<br>Date: September 1, 2022 Time: 12:30                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            | <b>Authorized by:</b><br>EOC Director: Daniel Stevens<br>Date: September 1, 2022 Time: 13:45 |                 |
| <b>4. DISTRIBUTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                            |                                                                                              |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EOC Staff (EOC Staff – DL)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy Group (Corporate Management Team (COV) – DL, & others as applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation Unit ( <i>original</i> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others: |                            |                                                                                              |                 |
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**Subject:** [EXT] Materials: September 21, 5pm - Weekly Provincial Executive Steering Committee

**Attachments:** Agenda - Provincial Executive Steering Committee - Sept 21.pdf  
Item 1 - Provincial Executive Steering Committee Minutes - Sept 14.pdf  
Item 2 - IN - Hastings Street Encampment - Sept 21.pdf

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Good afternoon, please find material attached for the 5 pm call, as follows:

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- Agenda
- September 14 Meeting Minutes – Item 1
- Hasting Issue Note – Item 2

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Thank you,

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## Agenda

### Provincial Executive Steering Committee East Hastings and Encampment Response September 21, 2022, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

| #  | ITEM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | LEAD                                               | MATERIAL |
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| 1. | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of minutes – Sept 14</li> <li>Action Items Log and status of outstanding items</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Deputy Attorney General, Shannon Salter            | Verbal   |
| 2. | <b>Additional materials shared:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hastings Information Note</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | a/Associate Deputy Minister, Teri Collins          | Attached |
| 3. | <b>BC Housing Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spaces/move report</li> <li>People support &amp; moving table</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Dale McMann,<br>Allison Dunnet,<br>Stephanie Allen | Verbal   |
| 4. | <b>Partner Roundtable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Vancouver</li> <li>Vancouver Fire Rescue Services</li> <li>Vancouver Police Department</li> <li>Vancouver Coastal Health</li> <li>Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation</li> <li>Community Integration Services – SDPR</li> <li>Emergency Management BC</li> <li>Office of the Fire Commissioner</li> <li>Ministry of Health</li> <li>Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions</li> <li>Ministry of Children and Family Development</li> <li>First Nations Health Authority</li> <li>City of Victoria</li> </ul> | All                                                | Verbal   |
| 5. | <b>Communications Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sara Goldvine, BC Housing,<br>Preet Grewal, GCPE   | Verbal   |
| 6. | <b>Closing comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | All                                                | Verbal   |



**Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Housing  
Provincial Executive Steering Committee**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, Sept 14, 2022

5:00-6:00 pm

MS Teams

**Attendance**

**BC Government:**

**Premier's Office (PO)**

Mark Sieben, Deputy Minister

Don Bain, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier

**Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Housing (AG)**

Shannon Salter, Deputy Attorney General

Teri Collins, a/Associate Deputy Minister

Barbara Carmichael, Assistant Deputy Attorney General

Sarah Petrescu, a/Director, Homelessness

Meghan Will, Executive Director OHCS

Adam Lynes-Ford, Senior Ministerial Assistant

Preet Grewal, Communications Manager

Bonnie Ruscheinski, a/Assistant Deputy Minister, OHCS

Maya Engelbrecht, Director, Executive Operations

**Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC)**

Brian Godlonton, Fire Commissioner

**Ministry of Children and Families (MCF)**

Allison Bond, Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions**

Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

Darryl Sturtevant, Assistant Deputy Minister (MMHA/MoH)

**Ministry of Health**

Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister

Maureen O'Donnell, Associate Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG)**

Lisa Anderson, a/Deputy Solicitor General

Glen Lewis a/Assistant Deputy Minister Policing

Douglas Scott, Deputy Solicitor General

Nikki Duncan, Director, Executive Operations and  
Planning



## **Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR)**

Raymond Fieltsch, Assistant Deputy Minister

## **City Of Vancouver (CoV)**

Paul Mochrie, City Manager

Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager

Neil Monkton, Chief of Staff

Lauren Reid, Senior Policy Advisor

Betty Lepps, Director

## **Vancouver Police Department (VPD)**

Don Chapman, Superintendent

Tanya Whysker, Superintendent

Adam Palmer, Chief Constable

Howard Chow, Deputy Chief

Constable

## **Vancouver Fire Department (VFD)**

Deputy Chief Rob Rennie

## **Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation (VBPR)**

Donnie Rosa, General Manager

## **BC Housing (BCH)**

Dale McMann, VP Operations

Stephanie Allen, VP, Strategic Business Operations

Allison Dunnet, Executive Director, and Strategic Advisor

Sara Goldvine, VP Communications

## **Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCHA)**

Vivian Eliopoulos, CEO

Bob Chapman, VP Vancouver Community

Patty Daly, Chief Medical Health Officer

## **First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)**

Kim Brooks, Vice President, Regional

Operations, Vancouver Coastal

## **Meeting Summary**

### **1. Welcome, Introductions and Action Item Log – Shannon Salter**

Deputy Attorney General, Shannon Salter welcomed members with a territorial acknowledgement, then led introductions of new attendees on the call. Kim Brooks, Sandra Singh, Maureen O'Donnell Associate DM Health.

The DAG provided a brief overview of the action items and went through the agenda. Minutes were

approved. Members were asked to provide any comments or feedback on the minutes or on action items that may have been missed.

2. **Overview of Materials Shared - Teri Collins**

ADM Collins advised that the updated member list was attached with the meeting materials. The column for delegates has been removed. Teri advised that it was being considered final.

**Action item** – AG to request additional partner comms materials for inclusion in the meeting package

ADM Collins advised that the information note has detailed information included that is now being updated weekly; working to include additional items from partners going forward.

3. **BC Housing Update**

Dale McMann, VP operations, shared that BC Housing continues to renovate SROs. BC Housing is adding to numbers of additional spaces daily (2-3 per day) and they expect to have more info on the temporary modulars soon. Internally BC Housing is working on procurement of the workforce modulars, but they need details on the site.

The province has asked for a contingency plan should there be a major event (fire etc.) that could disrupt individuals from the encampment.

Allison Dunnett spoke to the contingency plan and shared a draft PPT deck that will be shared after the call. A contingency plan was requested by the province on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The team has worked to define a major event and have come up with two major response scenarios. The first is a ***technical response*** to a large fire or VPD critical incident. The second is a response from a ***decision to clear encampment for public safety***.

The response to scenario one (1) is a tactical response, and the team would need to move individuals quickly and would not likely include movement of tents and belongings. There would be a COV reception centre (a temporary drop in space) and information on next steps would be provided for tenants on lodging/shelter. An on-call team to support the CoV and BCH would be notified immediately to mobilize.

In regard to scenario two (2), if a decision were to be made by VPD, CoV and/or the Fire Chief, the timing will not be shared wildly. The structures will be removed within 1-5 days. Individuals will need social supports, harm reduction and supports to move inside. Would be a need for temp location to support 20-50 people with BCH as the operational lead.

Dale advised that Vancouver identified two potential sites for modulars.

Stephanie Allen, VP, Strategic Business Operations, communicated that health supports need to be a critical inclusion to support modular housing.

Don Chapman, VPD Commissioner, confirmed that the objective in scenario one (1) is to remove people as quickly as possible and not tents etc.

**Action item** – to circulate draft contingency/emergency plan (PPT) with material for next call.

Dale advised that numbers on offers made to people are in progress. There are 20 shelter spaces available at Terminal, and uptake on people moving in and out. There has been slower uptake on SRO spaces. Going through a process right now and table evaluations are being done along with assessment with partners to make sure they are connecting people with appropriate spaces, and sensitive to specific needs. There are nineteen (19) offers out, and a handful four to five (4-5) accepted. BCH is anticipating that as weather starts to cool there will be greater uptake on SRO units. There is a total of fifty (50) SRO spaces available and another 50 underway.

Sandra Singh, CoV advised the city is looking to support the Crab Park encampment through this process of allocating



available options to move individuals indoors.

4. **Partner Roundtable:**

**City of Vancouver**

Paul Mochrie, Vancouver City Manager, provided an update on voluntary removal of structures, there have been 80 plus removed. The city has had some success with removing large structures. The city is fencing a couple of sites that are vulnerable. Crews are power washing which is assisting toward sanitation. The last version of their community mapping showed a total of hundred and thirty-five (135) structures remaining.

**Vancouver Fire Department**

No updates.

**Vancouver Police Department**

Tanya Whysker, Superintendent, provided an update on two (2) fires that took place in Chinatown and advised that VPD assisted with clearing the route for firefighters. They are seeing a lot of violence in area, a number of weapons and increased number of stabbings compared to this time last year). There have been unreported sexual assaults. A number of significant arrests related to drugs and continued predatory criminals in the encampment.

**Vancouver Coastal Health**

Bob Chapman advised they have finalized their ask for safe supply for 100 individuals; costing aligns with Strathcona and Oppenheimer sites.

Patty Daly provided an update on the request for safe supply advising it is prescribed safe supply, opioids, managed alcohol, tobacco, and should be helpful to support those in temporary spaces remain indoors.

Stephanie Allen advised she has a number of questions related to safe supply on criteria etc. and will connect with Patty Daly directly to discuss and engage on details.

**Action log** – AG will facilitate conversation with MoH/BC Housing/Vancouver Coastal to discuss funding proposal related to services for temporary modulars.

**Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation**

Betty advised that there remains high compliance in the area. They are noticing the same trends occurring and monitoring other parks also.

**Social Development and Poverty Development**

Raymond Fieltsch, ADM, reported that they have received fourteen (14) intakes already attached to income assistance and have identified four (4) new individuals. SDPR has heard that some people are leaving to travel to Nanaimo and Victoria and it is hard to tell if it is part of normal movement. Going with data on case files. Community Integration Specialist outreach met with ninety (90) people; most are attached to income assistance, but staff have done eleven (11) new intakes this week. Also, about 10% of individuals approached declined services.

**Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions**

DM Massey advised that she and Maureen will connect with BCH on safe injection site questions.

**Ministry of Children and Family**

No updates.

**Ministry of Health**

Maureen advised that she is aware of the funding proposal from VCH and will take forward for consideration.

#### **City of Victoria**

Jocelyn Jenkins, City Manager advised that there are one hundred (100) structures across parks and open spaces. The city's focus is to prevent encampments. The city is experiencing challenges on Pandora, Alice and Queens and have noticed more weapons. The biggest challenge is the ability to get police to attend sites with bylaw officers. The city is concerned about safety. The city has two fully funded police officer spots which have not been filled yet.

#### **Emergency Management BC/OFC**

Brian Godlonton, Fire Commissioner. No reports.

#### **First Nation Health Authority**

Kim advised that their primary focus is support for urban and rural communities. Good engagement.

FNHA is working on their own health strategy. FNHA has the ability to connect with fourteen (14) First Nations in the area, if needed. They also have a small health and wellness team, which includes harm reduction educators and will support as best they can. Kim sits with CEO and executive team and will communicate messages through from this committee.

#### **5. Communications**

Laura Mathews, BCH Communications flagging that when fencing is placed, it could be interpreted as enforcement and attract media attention. They are working on communications with CoV.

Paula advised that she has not received media attention on the issue to date.

**Action log** – AG/BC Housing/CoV comms teams will coordinate messaging related to fencing

Preet Grewal, A/Communications Director GCPE, no updates.

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**ISSUES NOTE**

Ministry of Attorney General and Responsible  
for Housing

Updated: September 20, 2022

Minister: Attorney General Minister Rankin

**East Hastings Encampment  
Response****ISSUE SUMMARY:**

- The number of people sheltering along East Hastings is fluid and fluctuates from day to day. BC Housing and Vancouver-funded Carnegie outreach are working to map out housing and support needs for those without shelter.
- In the week of Sept. 18, a total of 29 people were matched to an allocated housing space, and outreach will start making housing offers to these people this week – and, if accepted, move-in plans will commence. This is in addition to 16 accepted offers.
- As of Friday Sept 16, there are currently 50 SRO units that are renovated and available for tenants, with 76 renovations underway or about to start.
- BC Housing and the City of Vancouver are pursuing longer-term housing options, including use of two existing buildings and two sites for temporary modular or workforce housing.
- Fencing and sidewalk clearing is underway around four properties on Hastings Street that are undergoing construction. Communications around these efforts is being planned in partnership with the City, non-profit and Indigenous organizations to provide clarity it is not indicative of a decampment.
- The City of Vancouver is working with BC Housing and partners on contingency planning should a decampment be triggered by fire order enforcement or an emergency event, including plans to support people in maintaining connections to supports and housing outreach.

**Background:**

- July 25, 2022: Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) issued a Fire Order to remove tents and structures along East Hastings Street due to urgent safety concerns. At this time, the City and VFRS have not indicated they plan to move to a full stage enforcement/destructuring. However, that could change with further assessment or in the event of an emergency.
- At that time, an estimated 460 people were sheltering along East Hastings, of which about half were in need of housing -- according to Carnegie Outreach. Work is underway to understand why people are not staying in housing – which may include high indoor temperatures, pest infestations, and threats to personal safety.
- BC Housing is working with partners to identify temporary and permanent indoor spaces. These are being offered people through a person- and healing-centred approach to support people choosing to transition indoors, which can take time and relationship-building.
- Providing critical services for those sheltering on Hastings Street is a priority of the City of Vancouver and BC Housing. This includes immediate needs (e.g., food, sanitation and protection of personal effects) are met while work is done to connect people with housing and supports so they can better sustain it.
- The Province takes a coordinated approach to support unsheltered people in the Downtown East Side, and works across ministries, with BC Housing, the City of Vancouver, and community partners to ensure immediate and longer-term responses are in place.
- Since the Fire Order was first issued in late July, BC Housing has opened more than 75 spaces to support the response in the DTES -- a combination of recently-renovated Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotel rooms and new shelter spaces. There are currently approximately 50 renovated units that are available for those who wish to move indoors and which have been made available for the City's outreach team to offer those residing on Hastings Street. Vancouver Coastal Health and other community partners will provide health and social services, including a continuation of safe supply pilots, to support people as they move into housing.

- All partners are working to prevent entrenched homelessness and decrease harm and trauma. BC Housing is working with partners to draft a 'supports and moving plan' based on previous experience at Oppenheimer and Strathcona encampments.

| <b>BC Housing Update: People and Spaces</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Number of people estimated to be sheltering outdoors overnight:<br>Source: COV/Carnegie Outreach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Approx. 460                                                            | As of mid-July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Number of people who do not have an indoor space (SRO, shelter, etc.):<br>Source: COV/Carnegie Outreach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Approx. 260                                                            | As of mid-July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Number of new or newly renovated indoor spaces that <u>have opened</u> since August 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55+ renovated spaces in various SROs from existing housing stock (permanent housing)</li> <li>• 20 new beds (men only) added to the Terminal Avenue shelter (temporary shelter)</li> <li>• 10 rooms at Jubilee Rooms, 22 Main Street. Permanent housing.</li> </ul> Source: BC Housing | 85                                                                     | Note: 100+ indoor spaces have opened if we wish to include the 25 permanent spaces secured at The Biltmore (395 Kingsway) provided to those displaced in the Princess Rooms SRO fire. Those numbers have been subtracted to keep the focus on the East Hastings decampment specifically.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Number of SRO spaces actively under renovation or about to get underway.<br>Source: BC Housing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 76                                                                     | Updated: September 16, 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Number of accepted shelter offers:<br>Source: COV/Carnegie Outreach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16 accepted                                                            | Reflects period Aug 29-Sept 19<br><b>Shelter Offers:</b> Refers to an offer of temporary shelter made by outreach workers to those sheltering outdoors who express a desire to move indoors quickly or need temporary respite. Shelter offers are made on the spot, based on shelter bed availability.<br><br>Individuals may accept or reject an offer of shelter. 'Accepted' refers to the individual agreeing to take a space in the shelter. While these shelter spaces are held so that individuals can come and go, the individual may still spend time on East Hastings Street. |
| Number of housing offers accepted and moved indoors<br>Source: BC Housing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | N/A – no offers of housing have been made yet – see allocations below. | Reflects period Aug 29-Sept. 18<br><b>Housing Offer:</b> If an allocation is approved, it becomes a housing offer. Carnegie Outreach will provide the official offer of housing to the individual and the individual has an opportunity to accept or decline the offer. If an individual accepts an offer of housing, outreach workers will support the individual to move into their new housing.                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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|  |  | <p>"Housing" refers to any offer of permanent housing, which may include an SRO, a supportive housing unit, a subsidized apartment, etc. It may also refer to a market rental unit made attainable with a rent supplement. "Housing" is not used to describe a shelter bed as the stay is temporary in nature.</p> <p>Specific to East Hastings: At this time, BCH only has renovated SRO units so offers being made are currently for SROs. However, this will change over time as new units are brought online and partners learn more about the specific needs of residents on East Hastings .</p> |
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#### ISSUES/UPDATES:

- **BC Housing and Carnegie Outreach (BCH/CoV funded outreach)**

- **Spaces:**
- 20 shelter beds for men only (Lu'ma Native Housing Society). These shelter spaces can be held so that people can come and go without fear of losing their space.
- 25 permanent spaces at The Biltmore Hotel to provide permanent housing (with supports from Coastal Health) for those displaced by the Princess Rooms fire.
- As of Friday Sept 16, there are currently 50 SRO units that are renovated and available for tenants, with 76 renovations underway or about to start.
- BC Housing Real Estate is considering two buildings for their potential utility in response to the East Hastings encampment:

s.13(1), s.17(1)

s.16(1), s.17(1)

- Longer-term, City of Vancouver has identified two sites with up to 100 units for temporary supportive housing:
  - 1500 Main Street: Could see 70 workforce modular units across two buildings. BC Housing has sourced the modular units, but they need to be sprinklered for fire safety and additional modifications will be required to meet City Code compliance. Timing to open will depend on the time to install sprinklers and also the development permit/building permit process selected by City of Vancouver.
  - 2132 Ash Street and would accommodate a workforce housing building with capacity of approximately 36 units.

s.13(1), s.16(1)

**People:**

- BC Housing and Carnegie Outreach housing allocation meetings occur twice a week to assess and match people based on need, vulnerability and other factors, to available housing options deemed a good fit. The process is:
  1. **Allocation** – Identifying unsheltered people and matching them with available units based on need, supports, and fit for building. BCH and outreach workers will identify an individual who is camping on Hastings and will “allocate” them that unit. BCH will collect relevant information (from SHR apps, HIFIs, VATs, etc.) and send a referral to the housing operator for confirmation. Once an individual is “approved” for housing, the outreach worker will provide the “housing offer”. This process may take a few days to a week.
  2. **Housing Offer** – A Housing Offer is made by the outreach worker. It can be accepted or rejected by the individual (often after a period of consideration and a tour of the housing).
  3. **Move-in, transition** – If an individual accepts an offer of housing outreach workers will support them to transition, which may include time to prepare and can take a few days or a week. A move-in will later be confirmed by the housing operator and outreach worker.
- This past week ending Sept. 18, a total of 29 people were allocated to housing, and outreach will start making housing offers this week.
- As more housing resources come online, the frequency of allocation meetings may increase beyond twice weekly.
- **City of Vancouver, VPD and VFRS**
  - Sept. 9: Vancouver Fire responded to a fire at 222 Keefer St. which later spread to 12 East Hastings. The building where the fire originated, Keefer Rooms, is a privately owned SRO with 45 units. The fire spread to Tellier Tower, which is operated by Portland Hotel Society with funding from BCH, though damage to that building was minor with no evacuations. The fire is believed to have been started by a grease fire in the kitchen of the lower floor restaurant of Keefer Rooms. We understand most residents have been relocated to other housing owned by the same owner.
  - VFRS assessed the Hastings Fire Order on September 6, 2022 and made no changes. However, it is important to note that a sudden fire or public safety issue taking place before the area is fully decamped could compel an involuntary decampment which would be extremely disruptive.
  - BCH continues to discuss the need for an emergency back-up plan with the City. The City is utilizing new mapping tools for better planning.
  - Sanitation has greatly improved due to street cleaning being done by City staff as tents clear. On Sept. 19, City reported no new structures observed and a new record of waste (3,458 kg) cleared.
- **Fencing**
  - City partners are working on a fencing and sidewalk clearing plan for the Hastings Street encampment block around four specific properties. All community engagement will be led by Indigenous and advocacy partners, at their request. No flyers will be distributed.
    - The Aboriginal Land Trust (ALT) Hastings Housing and Health Project (52, 62, and 92 East Hastings) is starting construction. As part of this work, ALT requested City support for a lane closure on Friday, September 16 and have requested they lead the



engagement with people camping near the property. On Sunday, Sept. 18, Aboriginal Front Door Society and Lu'ma hosted a BBQ for the community near the property and informed them about the need to immediately clear the sidewalk. Once the sidewalk is cleared, the City's engineering staff will erect fencing. City staff and government representatives are not invited to the BBQ. ALT and Lu'ma are leading on addressing any media requests regarding construction beginning at this site/fencing.

- Fencing has been erected around the Regent, a vacant City-owned SRO in order to ensure safety as window remediation work commences soon.
- During the week of Sept. 19, a community-designed and stewarded temporary sidewalk mural will be painted in front of the City-owned and vacant Balmoral SRO, and the privately owned and vacant SRO at 109/123 Hastings. Fencing will not be erected around these buildings and community engagement will be led by VANDU, Overdose Prevention Society and Aboriginal Front Door Society. Engineering staff will be informed by these stakeholders when they can move in to clean the sidewalk and paint.

- **Services (Storage, Washrooms, Showers, Food)**

- Storage is available at:
  - 390 Main Street, operated by Aboriginal Front Door Society. They also offer a drop-in space, washrooms, and programming onsite. Individuals are expressing confidence in Aboriginal Front Door Society which uses a 'food first, culture first' approach, and people are trusting them to store their personal belongings.
  - 987 Cordova. Operated by City of Vancouver.
  - 101 East Cordova. Operated by Atira Women's Resource Society. Currently full.
- An automated washroom has been reactivated and is now available at Pigeon Park.
- City staff are awaiting delivery of a mobile trailer with washrooms and showers at Hastings and Gore. It will be peer staffed and is expected to be available in approximately two weeks.
- Various area service providers are providing water and food as part of their outreach and support efforts.

- **Other parks/areas**

- Crab Park updates
  - As of September 16, 98 tents in designated area, approximately 80 individuals.
  - There was a fire last week, no injuries.
  - An elder has taken a leadership role in the group, encouraging use of garbage bins and fire safety.
  - Kilala Lelum mobile health services is visiting each Thursday.
  - BC Housing will be funding cultural support services by Lu'ma. Plans are underway for a 'dual support' day with Lu'ma and Kilala Lelum mobile health services providing services on site the same day(s) each week.
  - Emergency phone pole being installed by TELUS.
  - Paperwork still being finalized by COV with contractor (Cedar Brush) for additional portable toilets.

## **MINISTRY Updates:**

- **SDPR Community Integration Specialist Hastings update:**

- CIS provides outreach supports to people along Hastings with two dedicated staff and 9 staff based in partner DTES organizations.
- On Sept 16, case management connect a senior to health clinic, Hastings client to SRO rental, Hastings client to income assistance and sought out two vulnerable clients.
- As of Sept 9, CIS approached 96 people, spoke with 79 (17 declined), completed 14 new income assistance intakes (including senior with severe mobility issues) and provided 48 crisis grants. Of the people connected with, 17 had rent in pay and 4 were new to Vancouver.

- Co-located staff (9)
  - Carnegie Outreach – City of Vancouver
  - Downtown Community Court – PSSG/AG
  - Vancouver Intensive Supervision Unit – PSSG
  - Sheway (Pregnancy Outreach Program) – NGO
  - Downtown Eastside Women's Centre – NGO
  - VCH Overdose Outreach Team – Health Authority, Onsite – NGO

### **Human-Centered, Intersectional and Trauma-Informed Response**

- Partners meet to include a trauma and culturally-informed response, rooted in feedback from people with lived and living experience of homelessness.
- Work is underway to engage other groups such as people with disabilities and racialized groups, people who use illegal drugs/medicines, and local advocacy groups through a Community Table convened by City of Vancouver.
- **Women and non-binary people:**
  - Partners are working on a gender-based strategy specific to the encampment. More supports including a women and gender-diverse drop in space are expected to be operationalized as part of the strategy, connected to rapid housing planning.
  - Women's only drop-in storage is being provided by Atira (currently full).
  - CoV Engineering Services which is responsible for sanitation, waste removal, etc., has been including more women in their walkabouts, which has led to more connections with women.
- **Indigenous Peoples:**
  - Carnegie staff estimate about 40% of campers are likely to be First Nations, Indigenous, Métis or Inuit.
  - Currently Aboriginal Front Door Society, via support from COV and BCH, is supporting community outreach, storage, food provision, cultural supports and partnership development with other agencies.
  - Partners are identifying ways to support Indigenous-led outreach teams on Hastings Street and in the surrounding areas that can provide culturally-sensitive and trauma-informed support.
  - To date, COV and BC Housing have connected with the following Indigenous partners:
    - Aboriginal Front Door Society
    - Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA)
    - All Nations Outreach
    - First Nations Housing Infrastructure Council
    - Lu'ma Native Housing Society
    - Moccasin Mafia, Indigenous Healers Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (AFCS)
    - Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Wautush First Nation (MST)
    - Street Saviours Outreach Society Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations
    - Vancouver Aboriginal Policing Center (VAPC)
    - Vancouver Coastal Health Indigenous Health Team
- **Intersectional Community Outreach – Including Racialized and Immigrant communities:**
  - Watari Counselling and Support Services is providing Indigenous Circles at the Astoria, and they continue to provide Youth Outreach services in the community.
  - Watari as a local organization with deep roots in community, bring a trauma-informed and culturally safe approach to meeting diverse community needs.
- **People Who Use Drugs**
  - CoV and partners continue to support OPS, VANDU and other community-based organizations to support harm reduction response in the area.



### Cross-Ministry and Inter-Governmental Coordination

All partners are working to enhance response on the 100 Block of East Hastings. As of August 30, additional coordination and reporting structures have been identified by MAG and are being implemented.

| Meeting Name                                              | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Frequency                     |
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| <b>Ministry-led</b>                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| East Hastings Encampment Check-in                         | Provincial partner information sharing/updates/issues identification                                                                                                                                                 | As of Sept 1, 3X week – M/W/F |
| Provincial Steering Committee                             | Coordinated approach across partners to ensure the health and safety of unhoused people through access to health and social supports and connections to housing, and to prevent entrenched and dangerous encampments | Weekly - Wednesday            |
| Weekly Hastings Check-in with MLA Melanie Mark            | Provide weekly touch base                                                                                                                                                                                            | Weekly - Tuesday              |
| <b>BC Housing-Led</b>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Daily Operations Team Meeting                             | Daily touch base for Ops around this topic                                                                                                                                                                           | Daily                         |
| BCH and the Hastings Encampment                           | 3X weekly touch base, info sharing                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3X week                       |
| Communications Meeting                                    | BCH/GCPE touch base with CoV around Communications                                                                                                                                                                   | Weekly                        |
| Coordinated Access and Assessment Table                   | Tenancing of indoor spaces – BCH, Carnegie Outreach, COV Outreach                                                                                                                                                    | 2X week                       |
| 100 Blk Encampment - People Support/Moving Planning Table | Bring together BCH, CoV and various provincial and operational partners to develop the shared moving plan, and identify longer-term encampment prevention strategies                                                 | 2X week.                      |
| <b>City of Vancouver-led</b>                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Hastings Street Ops Call                                  | Daily update led by EOC to partners on streams of work and situational updates                                                                                                                                       | Daily                         |
| Hastings Leadership Group                                 | Provide EOD update to City Manager/Fire Chief                                                                                                                                                                        | Daily                         |

### Significant media

- [Hastings Street tent city: Vancouver police seize weapons | CTV News](#)

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**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Materials: September 21, 5pm - Weekly Provincial Executive Steering Committee

**Attachments:** Provincial Executive Steering Committee ACTION LOG 09.21.22.pdf

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Good afternoon,

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Further to Emma's e-mail below, please see the action log attached.

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Thank you,

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Best Regards,

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**Subject:** Materials: September 21, 5pm - Weekly Provincial Executive Steering Committee

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Good afternoon, please find material attached for the 5 pm call, as follows:

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- Agenda
- September 14 Meeting Minutes – Item 1
- Hasting Issue Note – Item 2

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Thank you,

Emma

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Emma Valentinuzzi | A/ Manager, Executive Operations

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# Provincial Executive Steering Committee: East Hastings and Encampment Response

## ACTION LOG

| <b>ACTION ITEMS: Sept 14</b>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Status</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| AG to request additional partner comms materials for inclusion in the meeting package for Sept 21 PESC                                                                                   | In progress   |
| Members to review draft Emergency/Contingency Plan and bring forward feedback for further discussion at the Sept 21 PESC meeting                                                         | In progress   |
| AG will facilitate conversation with MoH/BC Housing/Vancouver Coastal to discuss funding proposal related to services for temporary modulars.                                            | In progress   |
| AG/BC Housing/CoV comms teams will coordinate messaging related to fencing                                                                                                               | Complete      |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS: Sept 7</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Status</b> |
| Circulate member list for confirmation and identification of delegates                                                                                                                   | Complete      |
| BC Housing and City of Vancouver to connect on mapping and best practices relating to people in encampment not connecting with staff                                                     | Complete      |
| BC Housing, City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police to connect and plan a backchannel communications strategy in the event of moving to Phase 2 deconstructing or an emergency decampment | In progress   |
| Vancouver Coastal and BC Housing to connect on new housing locations and number of units to plan for health services.                                                                    | In progress   |
| PSSG to factcheck reports of people coming from DTES to Island with City of Victoria, VicPD. BC Housing Action and Response Team (HART) to also report in on this issue.                 | Status Needed |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS: Aug 31 Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                      |               |
| BCH to confirm the timeline and risk assessment for the modulars that do not have sprinklers already installed                                                                           | Status Needed |
| VCH to consider resources in providing support to people in new modular sites, planning with BC Housing                                                                                  | Complete      |
| City of Vancouver to follow up on request to update estimates of people sheltering, and assessment of housing needs, on Hastings                                                         | Status Needed |
| Chief Fry (VFRS) will follow up on potential risk mitigation and fire watch programs                                                                                                     | Status Needed |
| BC Housing to confirm communications representative for meetings                                                                                                                         | Complete      |



| <b>ACTION ITEMS: Aug 24 Meeting</b>                                                                                    | <b>Status</b>                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Finalize Inventory of supports and share                                                                               | Complete                                      |
| Finalize communications protocol and share                                                                             | Complete                                      |
| Provincial Committee to develop a risk register and planning                                                           | In progress, BCH sub-group                    |
| AG to connect with Fire Commissioner on data collection/sharing                                                        | Complete                                      |
| Vancouver Coastal Health and BC Housing to connect on safe supply for transition/touchdown spaces                      | Complete, ongoing                             |
| City of Vancouver and BC Housing to connect on temporary/interim spaces/shelter and definition of 'housing'            | In progress                                   |
| BC Housing to follow-up on reports of Hastings impact on Victoria areas reporting increased numbers of unhoused people | Complete                                      |
| Focused discussion on encampment management, supporting people and coordination                                        | In progress, BCH sub-group                    |
| Fire Commissioner will connect with Vancouver Coastal Health and partners to discuss public safety coordination        | Status Needed                                 |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS: Aug 19 Meeting</b>                                                                                    | <b>Status</b>                                 |
| Inventory of Services Offered                                                                                          | Complete, shared by email w/meeting materials |
| Deputy Ministers to identify ADMs to become members of the Provincial Coordination Committee                           | Complete, invites sent                        |
| Information/Situation Reports to be shared with members                                                                | Ongoing, shared through coordination meetings |
| Feedback on Governance Framework                                                                                       | Complete, shared by email w/meeting materials |
| Identify partners who may have been missed                                                                             | Complete                                      |

Sept 21

Mack McCorkindale EA

Provincial coordination committee

When will we have cost/time estimate for sprinklers for modulars – Action  
BCH:

Cumulative total 37/50 units allocated, made 40 shelter offers (16 accepted but may come and go, most staying several nights), 4 housing offers this week (2 people moved in).

Allocations of rest of 50 units targeted for this week's meeting.



CoV/BCH aligned Sharepoint and people, getting number of people, map phases and timelines – When will we shift to intensified moving days?

Action – Next version of contingency, layering in ministry pieces – notably health  
Have TOC and Draft Plan

ICBC/Chalmers building, working with MIRR on tour and FN table

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Mayor Stewart comms plan [https://www.forwardvancouver.ca/hart\\_background](https://www.forwardvancouver.ca/hart_background)

Action: Jurisdictional scan of housing, homelessness – GCPE

SDPR – cheque week

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**From:** "Renning, Rob" <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
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**Subject:** FW: Hastings update for Sept 6  
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Chief Fry,

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Please see the report below.\~ I will be sharing this information on the meeting this afternoon.\~ If you have any further comments or would like me to discuss anything else, please let me know.

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**Rob Renning (He/Him) | Deputy Fire Chief**  
**VANCOUVER FIRE RESCUE SERVICES**  
**Community Safety & Risk Reduction Division**  
**Fire Prevention, Community Safety, and Public Education**

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I humbly acknowledge that I am a settler on the unceded land and territory of the xʷməŋ̱əm̱ (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlwətaʔ / səlwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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**Subject:** Hastings update for Sept 6

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Attn: Chief Renning,

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Here are some updates for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Hastings tent city.

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- ☐ ~~~~~ Regent access is covered and blocked with tents and storage items. \~ All 3 doors are blocked including FDC.
- ☐ ~~~~~ Spoke with people on Hastings regarding clearing their belongings from door way access and FDC access.
- ☐ ~~~~~ Emergency exit door at 65 E Hastings is blocked with bikes and bike parts and chairs and tent. \~
- ☐ ~~~~~ We tried accessing the emergency exit door from the inside at 65 E Hastings, and we were unable to open the door. \~ 65 E Hastings is an occupied 9 storey residential building.
- ☐ ~~~~~ A small group of people started clearing a pathway for the emergency door at 65 E Hastings. \~ People were getting verbally aggressive and making threats to me and Owen. \~
- ☐ ~~~~~ Today we were getting a lot of verbal push back and attitude from the people in the tent.
- ☐ ~~~~~ The people set up in front of Regent were vocal about the legitimacy of fire departments requirement to access doors to a building that is vacant and that if we needed access during an emergency, they will move their belongings before fire crews arrive.
- ☐ ~~~~~ Progress is slow.
- ☐ ~~~~~ Some more street cleaning and sweeping was conducted.

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Pease see attached photos of the front of The Regent, photos are from this morning.

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Thank\~ you.

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**Cliff Lee,** \~ \~ LAFC 2849

**Captain, Problem Buildings Team | H.A.R.T**

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**Date:** 9/26/2022 11:20:23 AM  
**Subject:** Hastings project weekly update

Hello everyone: as you know we stopped holding the daily calls earlier this week but we promised to keep everyone updated on the Hastings structure removal project. I am setting up this weekly meeting so that we can touch base each week.

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**To:** s.22(1)  
s.15(1)(l)  
**Date:** 9/20/2022 6:12:25 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Fear for fire and crime

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your email.

The City is working alongside the fire department and higher levels of government agencies to continue to reduce the risk in the area. We are seeing improvements and while there is still on ongoing Order, our staff are on site every day working alongside with those sheltering outdoors. These include discussions and encouragement to reduce their storage, tents and combustibles.

Alternate locations are continually being explored and housing options are coming online. It is a complex situation that has the eyes of many trying to address the safety issues.

Sincerely,  
Karen Fry  
Fire Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1) >  
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Subject: [EXT] Fear for fire and crime

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Hi there,

I am emailing in regards to the tent city on east Hastings. I will try and keep this short and to the point, as I know the two of you are busy. The tent city was ordered to be taken down awhile ago - and quite frankly there has been zero improvement. I understand there is a housing shortage, but this doesn't lessen the risk of fire. And now that the temperatures are going to start dropping, the risk is increased - as those in the tent city will turn to fires to keep warm.

As a resident in the area this is highly concerning. The situation only got this bad when the police stopped escorting city workers who cleaned the streets. This should

have never stopped. We can see the disaster stopping this has caused.

As the call for tent city to be taken down was given a few months ago - the residents have had plenty of time to prepare, and before they start lighting fires to stay warm, it should be taken down.

Oppenheimer park is close by and is rarely used - due to the amount of needles found there. A solution for now could be to encourage tent city residents to move there. This does not solve the housing crises - but limits the risk of structures being burned in the process. And thus reduces the amount of lives at risk. It is also both still close to the fire fighter and police stations for quick response times. Moving there will also open the sidewalks again, and help businesses - while still being conveniently close to stores for tent city residents.

Additionally, structures in the area have come under mass vandalism recently because of tent city. To the point it is shocking police don't stay parked in the area 24 /7 to prevent crime. I understand having a police patrol on the scene 24/7 is not feasible for cost, however the action of the force stopping the sweeps led to this disaster and rise in crime. In which the force should take accountability for this and aid more.

Cheers,

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**Date:** 9/6/2022 8:19:56 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Hastings update for Sept 6

Thanks Karen, appreciate you passing that on and yes, Rob spoke to it. It sounds like Regent was re-cleared (at least partially) later in the day but it's worrying that people aren't respecting that these locations need to stay cleared once they're opened.\~

Sorry your teams are receiving that abuse and push back. Please let us know if they need any support in that regard.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2022, at 17:21, Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi Daniel

I am sure Chief Renning talked about this today, but fyi.

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**From:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 2:41 PM

**To:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>

**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Hastings update for Sept 6

**Importance:** High

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Chief Fry,

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Please see the report below.\~ I will be sharing this information on the meeting this afternoon.\~ If you have any further comments or would like me to discuss anything else, please let me know.

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**Rob Renning (He/Him) | Deputy Fire Chief**

**VANCOUVER FIRE RESCUE SERVICES**

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"WAKE UP VANCOUVER!" \~ Working Smoke Alarms and CO alarms Save Lives. \~ Statistics don't lie. \~ Are your alarms \~ working? \~ Will they wake you and your family up when you need them? \~

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I humbly acknowledge that I am a settler on the unceded land and territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm ( [Musqueam](#)), Skw̓wú 7mesh ( [Squamish](#)) and səɫɪwətaʔt / səɫɪwɪtɪlh ( [Tsleil-Waututh](#)) Nations.

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From: Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain [s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#) >  
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Subject: Hastings update for Sept 6

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Attn: Chief Renning,

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Here are some updates for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Hastings tent city.

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- Regent access is covered and blocked with tents and storage items. \~ All 3 doors are blocked including FDC.
- Spoke with people on Hastings regarding clearing their belongings from door way access and FDC access.
- Emergency exit door at 65 E Hastings is blocked with bikes and bike parts and chairs and tent. \~
- We tried accessing the emergency exit door from the inside at 65 E Hastings, and we were unable to open the door. \~ 65 E Hastings is an occupied 9 storey residential building.
- A small group of people started clearing a pathway for the emergency door at 65 E Hastings. \~ People were getting verbally aggressive and making threats to me and Owen. \~
- Today we were getting a lot of verbal push back and attitude from the people in the tent.
- The people set up in front of Regent were vocal about the legitimacy of fire departments requirement to access doors to a building that is vacant and that if we needed access during an emergency, they will move their belongings before fire crews arrive.



Progress is slow.

Some more street cleaning and sweeping was conducted.

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Pease see attached photos of the front of The Regent, photos are from this morning.

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Thank\~ you.

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**Cliff Lee,** \~ \~LAFD 2849

**Captain, Problem Buildings Team | H.A.R.T**

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**From:** ["EOC Planning Chief \Vancouver\"](#) s.15(1)(l)  
**To:** ["EOC Situation Report - DL"](#) s.15(1)(l)  
**Date:** 9/1/2022 5:57:39 PM  
**Subject:** Sit Rep - EOC Hastings Destructuring - Sept 1/2022  
**Attachments:** 2022-09-01- Situation Report - Hastings Destructuring.pdf

Hello all,

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Please see the attached EOC Situation Report for today, Sept 1, 2022.

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Best,  
Gillian

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**Gillian Wong** | EOC Deputy Planning Chief  
City of Vancouver Emergency Operations Centre

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# Situation Report

|                      |                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Event Name           | Hastings De-Structuring                 |
| Date                 | Sept 01, 2022                           |
| Time                 | 17:45                                   |
| Operational Period   | 4 (Sept 01-07)                          |
| EOC Activation Level | 2                                       |
| EMBC Task #          | N/A                                     |
| Reviewed By          | Gillian Wong, EOC Deputy Planning Chief |
| Authorized by        | Daniel Stevens, EOC Director            |

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## EOC CONTACT INFO

Email: s.15(1)(l)



1. Usual daily EOC meetings were canceled today to provide more time for operations and to allow for meetings to be re-focused
2. Destructuring operations returned to full hours today. Previously cleared areas, doors, and priority sites remain clear.
3. Continue to see an increase of structures in parks outside of the Downtown Eastside.

1. The EOC will be monitoring air quality conditions as fine particulate matter (PM2.5) is increasing in the region. While the outlook for an advisory is high, currently conditions are below an air quality advisory level.
2. Today is the beginning of EOC operational period #4 (Sept 01 - Sept 07). The new EOC Action Plan has been distributed.



# Summary: Status & Risks

| # | Objective                    | Status/Target | Risks/Issues/Comments                                                                                                                                      |
|---|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Health and Safety            | In progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety and training planning and review continued today</li> </ul>                                                  |
| 2 | De-Structuring Operations    | In Progress   | s.13(1)                                                                                                                                                    |
|   | a. Regent Hotel              | In Progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 3 doors and fire connection remains open, working on reducing the material in front of the building.</li> </ul> |
|   | b. 7-19 E Hastings           | In Progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing work on reducing the footprint of structures</li> </ul>                                                     |
|   | c. 41-57 E. Hastings         | In Progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing work on reducing the footprint of structures</li> </ul>                                                     |
|   | d. 123 & 123 ½ E. Hastings   | In Progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doors remain clear, working on reducing the remaining material in front of the building.</li> </ul>                 |
|   | e. 148-140 E Hastings        | In Progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing work on reducing the footprint of structures</li> </ul>                                                     |
|   | f. 40-12 E Hastings (market) | In Progress   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing work on reducing the footprint of structures</li> </ul>                                                     |
| 3 | Housing and Shelters         | Ongoing       | s.13(1)                                                                                                                                                    |

## Status Legend:

Not started

In progress

Complete/ Ongoing

On hold/ Issues

Cancelled

# Summary: Status & Risks

| # | Objective                                                                              | Status/Target        | Risks/Issues/Comments |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | Accelerating supports and tactics                                                      | NEW                  | • No update           |
| 5 | Community Supports                                                                     |                      |                       |
|   | a. Outreach Operations                                                                 | Ongoing              | • No update           |
|   | b. Comfort stations                                                                    | Ongoing              | • No update           |
|   | c. Supports for Indigenous People                                                      | Ongoing              | • No update           |
|   | d. Supports for women                                                                  | Ongoing              | • No update           |
|   | e. Storage & Drop in                                                                   |                      |                       |
|   | - 320 Alexander (Drop in only)                                                         | In progress / Sept 7 | • No update           |
|   | - 27 W Hastings (Short-term storage; unconfirmed)                                      | NEW                  | • No update           |
|   | - Other storage/drop in spaces (390 Main; 987 E Cordova; 101 E Cordova; 323 Alexander) | Ongoing              | • No update           |

## Status Legend:

Not started

In progress

Complete/ Ongoing

On hold/ Issues

Cancelled



# Summary: Status & Risks - Continued

| # | Objective                                                 | Status/Target         | Risks/Issues/Comments |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | f. Kiosk for Automated Public Toilet (APT) at Pigeon Park | In progress / Sept 9  | • No update           |
|   | g. Mobile Washroom Trailer - Gore & Hastings              | In progress / Sept 16 | • No update           |
| 6 | Communications                                            | In progress / Sept 6  | • No update           |
| 7 | Monitoring Parks                                          | Ongoing/ Issues       | s.13(1)               |
| 8 | Contingency Planning                                      | In progress / Sept 7  | • No update           |

## Status Legend:

Not started

In progress

Complete/ Ongoing

On hold/ Issues

Cancelled

# Summary: Status & Risks - Continued

| #  | Objective                            | Status/Target       | Risks/Issues/Comments           |
|----|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9  | Interim Sustainment Strategy         | In progress/ Sept 7 | s.13(1)                         |
| 10 | Coordination with Community Partners | Ongoing             | • No issues or risks to report. |
| 11 | Track and forecast costs             | Ongoing             | • No issues or risks to report. |
| 12 | EOC Governance & Coordination        | NEW                 | • No update                     |

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In progress

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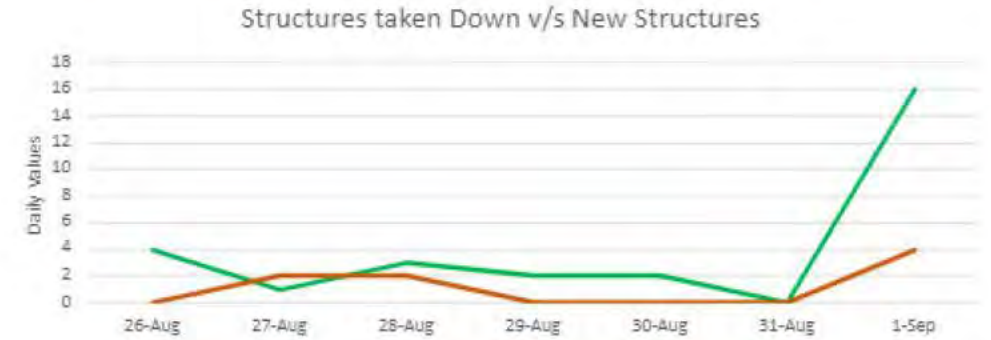
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## De-construction

|                  |                      |                                                               |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>80%</b>       |                      | % of priority sites cleared (out of 10 sites)                 |
| <b>All Clear</b> |                      | # of fire Department Connections made accessible (out of 15)  |
| For Sep 1        | Total (Since Aug 17) |                                                               |
| <b>16</b>        | <b>68</b>            | # of tents and structures taken down                          |
| <b>4</b>         | <b>16</b>            | # of new tents and structures on Hastings (b/w Abbott & Gore) |



## Housing & Shelters

|           |                      |                                                                                     |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| For Sep 1 | Total (Since Aug 17) |                                                                                     |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>9</b>             | # Unhoused people within Abbott - Gore that accepted offer of shelter (~210 people) |
| <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>             | # Unhoused people within Abbott - Gore that accepted offer of housing (~210 people) |
| <b>29</b> |                      | # of shelter spaces available today                                                 |
| <b>50</b> |                      | # of SRO units ready for tenanting today                                            |
| <b>0</b>  |                      | Estimated # of SRO units available by end of next week                              |

## Communications

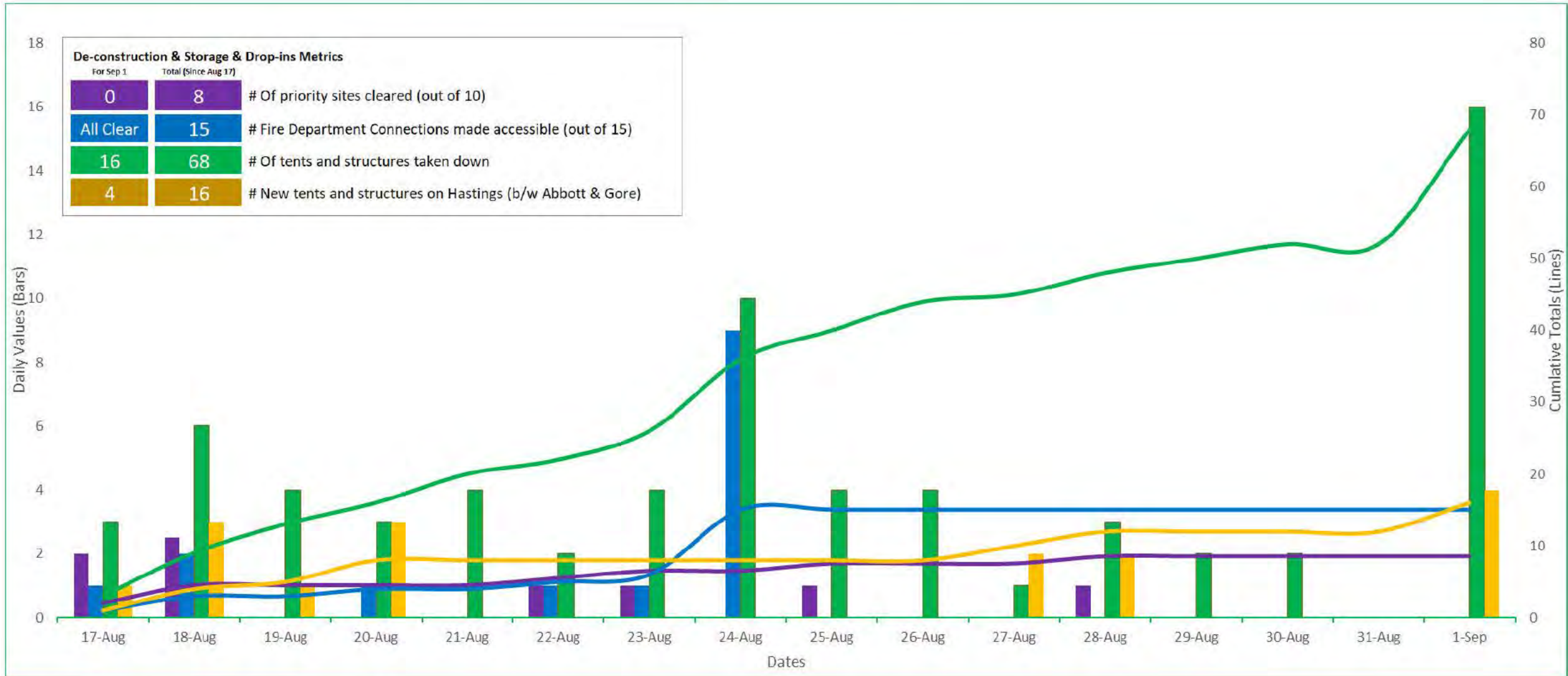
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| For Aug 31 * | Total (Since Aug 2) |                                                              |
| <b>0</b>     | <b>63</b>           | # of media requests received and responded to (previous day) |

\* Reporting is 1 day delayed

## Monitoring Parks

|                       |                     |            |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|
|                       | Total (Since Aug17) |            |
|                       | Structures          | People     |
| Total New             | <b>238</b>          | <b>283</b> |
|                       | For Sep 1           |            |
|                       | Structures          | People     |
| Total New             | <b>15</b>           | <b>20</b>  |
| Andy Livingstone Park | 3                   | 6          |
| Crab Park             | 7                   | 11         |
| Oppenheimer Park      | 1                   | 1          |
| Strathcona Park       | 0                   | 0          |
| McLean Park           | 1                   | 2          |
| Pigeon Park           | 1                   | --         |
| Other Parks           | 2                   | --         |

# Cumulative and Daily Metrics Tracking



*\*Note: Operations shortened on Aug 31*



## De-construction

| De-construction Metrics                                           | 26-Aug    | 27-Aug    | 28-Aug    | 29-Aug    | 30-Aug    | 31-Aug    | 1-Sep     | Total (Since Aug 17) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| % of priority sites cleared (out of 10 sites)                     | 0%        | 70%       | 80%       | 80%       | 80%       | 80%       | 80%       | n/a                  |
| # of fire Department Connections made accessible (out of 15)      | All Clear | All Clear | All Clear | All Clear | All Clear | All Clear | All Clear | 15                   |
| # of tents and structures taken down                              | 4         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 16        | 68                   |
| # of new tents and structures on Hastings between Abbott and Gore | 0         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 4         | 16                   |
| # of carts distributed by Sanitation                              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 3         | 0         | 81                   |
| # propane tanks removed                                           | 0         | 2         | 7         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 21                   |
| # flyers distributed                                              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 50                   |
| # of Evelyn Saller meal tickets distributed by ENG teams          | 20        | 20        | 12        | 20        | 8         | 0         | 20        | 222                  |
| Tonnage of material removed (kg)                                  | 2250      | 2000      | 2500      | 2500      | 2000      | 1800      | 2500      | n/a                  |
| # of Operations Workers deployed                                  | 18        | 14        | 15        | 18        | 15        | 16        | 17        | n/a                  |
| # of Supervisors deployed                                         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 3         | 2         | n/a                  |
| # of Managers deployed                                            | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | n/a                  |
| # of VFRS Inspectors deployed                                     | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 2         | 2         | 2         | n/a                  |

## Storage & Drop-ins

*\*Note: Tote metrics will be updated weekly as of Aug 31*

| Storage & Drop-ins Metrics                                                            | 26-Aug | 27-Aug | 28-Aug | 29-Aug | 30-Aug | 31-Aug | 1-Sep | Total (Since Aug 17) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------------------|
| # of staffing resources deployed @ Carnegie Outreach                                  | 2      | 3      | 0      | 2      | 4      | 2      | 3     | n/a                  |
| # of totes @ 390 Main (73 tote capacity)                                              | 13     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 2      | --    | 22                   |
| # of people storing totes @ 390 Main (73 tote capacity)                               | 11     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1      | --    | 16                   |
| # of totes @ 987 E. Cordova (24 tote capacity)                                        | 0      | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --    | n/a                  |
| # of people storing totes @ 987 E. Cordova (24 tote capacity)                         | 0      | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --    | n/a                  |
| # of totes @ 101 E. Cordova - Atira Women's Storage (20 tote capacity)                | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --    | 10                   |
| # of people storing totes @ 101 E. Cordova - Atira Women's Storage (20 tote capacity) | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --    | 2                    |



## Housing & Shelters

| Housing & Shelters Metrics                                                          | 26-Aug | 27-Aug | 28-Aug | 29-Aug | 30-Aug | 31-Aug | 1-Sep | Total (Since Aug 17) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------------------|
| # unhoused people within Abbott - Gore that accepted offer of shelter (~210 people) | 1      | 0      | 0      | 2      | 2      | 0      | 2     | 9                    |
| # unhoused people within Abbott - Gore that accepted offer of housing (~210 people) | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0                    |
| # of shelter spaces available today                                                 | 37     | 35     | 43     | 44     | 28     | 33     | 29    | n/a                  |
| # of SRO units ready for tenanting today                                            | 50     | 50     | 50     | 50     | 50     | 50     | 50    | n/a                  |
| Estimated # of SRO units available by end of next week                              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0     | n/a                  |

## Communications

| Communications Metrics                                       | 26-Aug | 27-Aug | 28-Aug | 29-Aug | 30-Aug | 31-Aug | 1-Sep | Total (Since Aug 2) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------------|
| # of media requests received and responded to (previous day) | 1      | 1      | 0      | 0      | 1      | 0      |       | 63                  |

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## Monitoring Parks

|                      | New Sheltering In DTES Parks |        |            |        |                  |        |                 |        |             |        |             |        |             |        |            |        |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|
|                      | Andy Livingstone Park        |        | Crab Park  |        | Oppenheimer Park |        | Strathcona Park |        | McLean Park |        | Pigeon Park |        | Other parks |        | Total      |        |
| Date                 | Structures                   | People | Structures | People | Structures       | People | Structures      | People | Structures  | People | Structures  | People | Structures  | People | Structures | People |
| 26-Aug               | 4                            | 10     | 7          | 9      | 1                | 1      | 0               | 0      | 0           | 0      | 1           | 0      | 0           | 0      | 13         | 20     |
| 27-Aug               | 6                            | 14     | 4          | 0      | 1                | 0      | 0               | 0      | 3           | 3      | 0           | 0      | 4           | 1      | 18         | 18     |
| 28-Aug               | 3                            | 4      | 6          | 8      | 0                | 0      | 0               | 0      | 1           | 1      | 0           | 0      | 2           | 3      | 12         | 16     |
| 29-Aug               | 3                            |        | 5          |        | 2                | 2      | 1               | 1      | 1           | 1      | 2           |        | 1           | 2      | 15         | 6      |
| 30-Aug               | 5                            | 8      | 6          | 6      | 1                | 1      | 0               | --     | 1           | 2      | 1           | --     | 2           | --     | 16         | 17     |
| 31-Aug               | 4                            | 9      | 8          | --     | 0                | 0      | 1               | --     | 1           | --     | 1           | --     | --          | --     | 15         | 9      |
| 1-Sep                | 3                            | 6      | 7          | 11     | 1                | 1      | 0               | 0      | 1           | 2      | 1           | --     | 2           | --     | 15         | 20     |
| Total (Since Aug 17) | 46                           | 75     | 85         | 91     | 24               | 31     | 13              | 16     | 16          | 15     | 14          | 6      | 18          | 15     | 238        | 283    |



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