

File No.: 04-1000-20-2022-517

April 25, 2023

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

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

I am writing regarding your request of September 28, 2022 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

**All communications containing any of the following words: "Hastings", "encampment", and "encampments" in the email correspondence of Chief Karen Fry of VFRS. Date Range: July 1, 2022 to September 27, 2022.**

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If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2022-517); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

*[Signed by Cobi Falconer]*

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**Director, Access to Information & Privacy**  
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:FTP (Response Package)

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#) s.15(1)(l)  
**Subject:** 235/237 Main Street  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:02:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Todays Tactical meeting.msg](#)  
[RE 235 Main 237 Main SRO.msg](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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Hi Rob,

If you are attending the Tactical Team Meeting today, can you please bring up Captain Lee's concerns with these addresses? I will be joining the meeting a bit late as I will be on one with Kirsten Jasper and the COMMs Team on the fencing project starting to happen on Hastings street.

Fire



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**From:** "Williams, Leighton" <Leighton.Williams@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Schwebs, Saul" <saul.schwebs@vancouver.ca>  
**Date:** 9/2/2022 7:25:12 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 235 Main / 237 Main SRO

Hello Saul,

I'm not sure where you were looking but check out DB-2019-05021 and Adrian's inspection notes regarding fire watch being required while the rear stairs were being reconstructed. I've created an enforcement inspection for Adrian on Tuesday.

Leighton Williams RBO.  
Deputy CBO  
Assistant Director, Building & Trades Inspections  
Development, Buildings and Licensing  
604-873-7037

I acknowledge, with gratitude, that my place of work is on the traditional unceded territories of the x'məθdō'rtəm (Musqueam), M'qəw' 7mesh (Squamish) and M'tet'Alwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-waututh) Nations.



**From:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:15 PM  
**To:** Schwebs, Saul <Saul.Schwebs@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain <FRPBC@vancouver.ca>; Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>; Price, Fraser <Fraser.Price@vancouver.ca>; Thuss, Fraser <Fraser.Thuss@vancouver.ca>; Cheung, Rick <rick.cheung@vancouver.ca>; Liu, Nicholas <nicholas.liu@vancouver.ca>; Williams, Leighton <Leighton.Williams@vancouver.ca>; McLellan, Mark <Mark.McLellan@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: 235 Main / 237 Main SRO

Thanks Saul.  
You as well.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone



On Sep 2, 2022, at 3:54 PM, Schwebs, Saul <[Saul.Schwebs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Saul.Schwebs@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

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Thanks for looping us in, Dave.

There are no open BPs for either address, which are owned by BCH. We'll send an inspector down to investigate and begin enforcement action.

Have a great long weekend.

**Saul Schwebs** Architect AIBC

CBO and Director of Building Policy, Inspections & Bylaw Services

Development, Building and Licensing  
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M: **s.15(1)(l)**

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:28 PM

**To:** Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain <[FRPBC@vancouver.ca](mailto:FRPBC@vancouver.ca)>; Schwebs, Saul <[Saul.Schwebs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Saul.Schwebs@vancouver.ca)>

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**Subject:** Re: 235 Main / 237 Main SRO

Thanks very much Captain Lee for this update.

I am looping Saul in so that he and his team are aware of this as it also sounds like a WWOP issue as well as fire and life safety.

AC Meers

Sent from my iPhone

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On Sep 2, 2022, at 1:17 PM, Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain <[FRPBC@vancouver.ca](mailto:FRPBC@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

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Attn: Chief Meers,

As per our conversation today regarding 235 Main and 237 Main (Jubilee

Rooms SRO), there is currently egress and access issues with 235 Main.

1. 235 Main and 237 Main are separate building with separate fire safety systems. There is a corridor connecting the two buildings on the second floor. This corridor is a shared laundry room, servicing both buildings.
2. Currently, 235 Main is undergoing some renovation/construction of the main floor (ground level plus basement level). Due to this construction, the entire front entrance to 235 Main is boarded up and closed off for access and egress. (FDC connection for 235 Main is still accessible).
3. Both buildings are currently occupied with SRO tenants, on floors 2, 3, and 4.
4. Residents of 235 Main access their building through the front entrance of 237 Main, then climb to the second floor and through the shared laundry room corridor. This is the only way 235 Main is accessible at the moment for residents, staff, and first responders.
5. Rear egress for 235 Main is now accessible, however, this egress was also blocked and not accessible for a many weeks.
6. Notice of violations were issued to both building for various violations including alarm, sprinkler, and egress issues.
7. According to staff on site, all of this construction is done with permits, however, after many weeks, no permits have been produced by building managers, and a search of Posse reveals inconclusive evidence of any such permits allowing access and egress for 235 Main to be blocked off.
8. As of today, a Fire Chief's Order has been issued to both building to maintain 24 hour fire watch, until further investigation is conducted.

Thank you.

**Cliff Lee**, LAFC 2849

**Captain, Problem Buildings Team | H.A.R.T**  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Schwebs, Saul](#)  
**Subject:** 1815 West 12th  
**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 3:47:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Tactical Team Meeting - 2022-09-12.DOCX](#)  
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Hi Saul,

I finally heard back from ECOMM regarding 1815 west 12<sup>th</sup>. At the last tactical meeting VFRS was asked if we have an LOI on this property. ECOMM has finally confirmed that we do not. However in reviewing the Tactical Team meeting minutes, I noted that it just appears that the power has been cut to the house and that there is an untidy order against it.

I can put an LOI on this address but I am not sure what danger exists that I would be warning the Fire Crews about.

No rush on this, but I just thought that I would circle back and see what you recommend doing if anything. Talk soon,

Fire



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## Tactical Team Meeting - Confidential

TACTICAL TEAM	REPRESENTING
Andrew Wroblewski	Services Centre - DBL
Anne Solyom	Business Support Services - DBL
Celine Mauboules	Homeless Services & Affordable Housing - ACCS
Claire Thompson	Pro-active Enforcement - DBL
Gurv Brar	By-Law Services - COV
Hajer Awatta	Homeless Services & Affordable Housing - ACCS
Koji Miyaji	Community Services - DBL
Leighton Williams	Building Inspections - DBL
Mark McLellan	Property Use Inspections - DBL
Michael Lemon	Vancouver Police Department - VPD
Rob Renning	Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services - VFRS
Dave Meers	Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service-VFRS
Saul Schwebs	Chief Building Official - DBL

Meeting date: Monday, September 12, 2022

Venue WebEx Conference

Absent: Chris Puzio, Cliff Lee, Grant Murray, David Clements

### Meeting Discussion General

- Vacancy Control – Hajer Awatta
  - BC Supreme Court overturned the Vacancy Control Bylaw on August 3, 2022 and ordered all data related to the Bylaw be destroyed
  - City is appealing the ruling and have asked for a temporary stay to keep the data during the appeal process
  - Estimated that the appeal process may take a year or more
  - During appeal process, landlord increases are permissible to the same extent the market allows
  - City is keeping the informational website up with a disclaimer that the Bylaw is currently unenforceable
- Properties being removed from Tactical Team
  - Arco
  - 320 Union Street
  - Cosmo Hotel
  - Flint Residence
- 123 East Hastings (non-SRA) – Rob Renning
  - Property flagged of concern in regards to the encampments on DTES
  - City needs to consider fencing in front of the building and VFRS looking to confirm owners
  - Property vacant with no alarm system, no security
  - Saul has had contact with the owners in past. Owners previously had no plans for building; currently does not meet the threshold for demolition and there is a Heritage component.
  - Accessibility of building creates an unsafe condition and could require the owners to fence
  - Saul to forward contact information for the owners to Rob
  - 109 East Hastings (non-SRA) also of concern regarding the encampments and consideration around fencing.

- Owned by the Sahotas
- **Saul to send owners contact information to Dave/VFRS**

### **SRA properties**

#### Vernon Apts

- Fire escape is still up
  - Adrian/DBI has been following up with BC Housing – BCCS had committed to have it down by the end of August
  - **Saul to discuss escalation with Celine**

#### Murray Hotel

- Building is currently a concern for time associated to resolve violations. Will require close monitoring for immediate future
- Claire and Mark meeting with Atira on Friday re prosecution process

#### New Dodson

- **Celine to get more information regarding the management of the property**
- They would like to convert to micro-suites (71 rooms to 48 micro-suites)
- BC Housing has helped them with funding
- Pending letter follow-up from PUI to obtain necessary permits. Letter scheduled to be sent Sept 12 with November follow-up
- Independent portion of space within building currently being utilized for shelter space

#### Cobalt

- Back alley tent structures for the bar still up; as not connected to SRA tent structure does not need to be further escalated at this time.
- Owners plan to re-develop it into a hotel with discussion on building additional non-market rentals
  - They've had a pre-inquiry meeting with Planning

#### Lucky Lodge

- Noise complaints regarding the renovations
- Complaint from August 21 re renovations will be looked into by DBI
  - **Leighton to follow-up with Adrian**

#### Others

- London Hotel – renovations underway
- Colonial Hotel – no open CFs or recent complaints
- Summer Hotel – no open CFs or recent complaints
- Carl Rooms – BP issued for fire separation work Aug 30
- Astoria Hotel – Pest complaint August. Closed. No other complaints
- Gastown Hotel – Repairs not yet completed re: fire/water damage
- Grand Union Hotel – deck membrane to be completed. No other open CFs
- Lion Hotel – no open CFs. PUI on site in July and noted to be in good condition
- Regal Hotel- completed one of the permits. Progress being made

### **Non-SRA properties**

#### Manor House

- STR licence application not supported

#### 8085 Ross Street

- No movement regarding enforcement – have not complied with the WWOP order
- Owners have indicated they would like to demolish structure on property

- Owner's rep reached out to Mayor's office. Andrea Law, Neil Monkton and Saul will be meeting to discuss the property

#### 1815 West 12

- An Untidy Order was sent on August 23
- Power to remain disconnected until their electrical deficiencies are rectified
- If property remains non-compliant will have to consider taking this to Council and have declared a nuisance
- VFD to look into the property and the possibility that someone is still living there despite the lack of power

#### **Roundtable**

September 26 Meeting for ACCS, DBL and VFRS

- Focus discussion on how to support the owners and tenants better
- Empty SRAs re: recent fires.
  - Keefer Rooms – 222 Keefer
  - Fire at Princess and Powell, 3 SRO properties have been impacted, they are:
    - 215 Princess – Princess Rooms (fire damage)
    - 568 Powell – Hampton Rooms (fire damage)
    - 556 Powell – Powell Rooms (water damage/flooding)
  - Fire in July 2022, 566 Powell (Phoenix Apartments) has been shuttered

Jubilee Rooms – 235 Main Street

- Posted a Fire Watch order to keep the building under supervision
- One of the entrances closed during renovations; tenants and first responders will need get through the secondary entrance to get through
- PUI is conducting annual inspection Sept 12 – Mark to forward the results to VFRS/Dave
- Building was renovated in 2018 when it changed ownership; unclear work or scope that is currently underway

Regent Hotel – had recent break-ins reported with music and lights being observed. VFRS attended and did inspection and no persons found in building

For a copy of the presentation, please email [claire.thompson@vancouver.ca](mailto:claire.thompson@vancouver.ca)

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm



## Community Meeting – Hastings Street

**SP Team: Social Infrastructure**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 06, 2022

**Time:** 3:00pm – 4:30pm

**Location:** 312 Main Street

**Chair:** MaryClare Zak

**Minute Recorder:** Haig Morrison

<b>Attending</b>	Vice Tao (VANDU), Mama Marcie (Aboriginal Front Door Society/VANDU), Candace Pernel (Aboriginal Front Door Society), April Sumter-Feitag (COV), Dave Hamm (VANDU), Shabna Ali (ACCS), Sue Baker (COV), Harris Watt (COV), Taryn Scollard (Engineering), Hope (CCRN), Steve (Community Impact Real Estate Society (CIRES)), Mike Zupan (Engineering), Caitlyn (Our Streets) Ryan (Our Streets), Ingrid (Watari), Diana Hurford (COV), Jonathan McDermott (COV) MCZ (COV)
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*We are grateful to live and work on the unceded Homelands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm ([Musqueam](#)), Skwxwú7mesh ([Squamish](#)), and selilwətaʔ ([Tsleil-Waututh](#)) Nations.*

### Agenda

#### 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment - Welcome and Opening by Sandy Leo

*We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

#### 2. Meeting Structures

- These meeting will be every two weeks with the larger group to talk about current updates and work being done concerning the Hastings encampment.
- There is no set agenda for today's meeting - City and community can provide updates.
- A reminder about the purpose - while this began as a table to focus on alternatives to street cleaning we heard from community the need to have a much broader vision: putting people who are houseless in the centre and identifying and supporting all of their needs in a holistic way - from housing to washrooms, indoor drop in spaces, showers, food, connections, etcetera.

#### 3. Updates from BC Housing - Allison

- MC: BC Housing has come in as a finical partner, they are supporting the space at 390 Main St and aiming to help support the gender safe space.
- We're starting to work together with the province to see how we can support people in the neighborhood.
- One of the focus for BC Housing has been getting more shelter spaces, refurbishing SRO space.
  - Sandy: This is an old idea, why are rehashing old ideas that didn't work.
  - April: The refurbished SROs then there is way to connect community within the in space, and just because things didn't work one way in the past doesn't mean we can't try new and learn from past mistakes.

- Ingrid: We have been trying to create community kitchens, but there is a lack of available space. Community kitchens have been shown to help community in positive ways.
- Sandy: Why is BC Housing working on shelter housing instead of more long term housing solutions?
  - Allison: Yes I agree this a solution we need to look at BC Housing. These conversations are always happening, but the work is far from done.
- Sandy: How much money is the city and province willing to put down to help people?
  - MC, Allison: We can share information that we have for funding at the next meeting.
- Vince: What is the group that meets with the city and BC Housing? We need names and communicate with?
  - Allison: Peoples Support Group? I'll get the information for you.
- Ryan: There was a communication that there was 40 people that were able to gain housing but then it turned out they were just interested, do you know more about that? Is the attitude that people of the encampment have to leave?
  - Allison: that was a miscommunication, the list of people interested is always in flux, at that time BC housing had identified 40 people who wanted to find better housing.
  - Mike: we are trying to be careful not to say anyone has to leave, we are focusing on people voluntarily taking down structures and removing debris combustibles.
- MC: We can look at creating a roundtable for this group so that the BC government table can meet with everyone here (based on questions from the group about how BC government would connect with community).
- Ingrid: This table should be referred to as a community table, not decriminalizing poverty
- Dave: Many people have poor quality housing, is here any way the city or BC Housing is able to support getting these fixed up or safer?
  - Allison: This is totally correct and is something BC Housing needs to focus on. If people are leaving their home because they don't feel safe, then it needs to be addressed.
- Momma Marcy: Many of SRO rooms are boarded up, but there aren't big issues with the units.
  - Vince: 40% of SROs have fire violations, the city and fire need to be more focused on that. The second thing that people want the most from the government is accountability from BC Housing.
- Momma Marcie: can we get more peers trained to learn how to help people complete housing applications as well as applications for income assistance.

- Ingrid: We need to make sure that people who are trained in supporting people in the camp can speak many languages. We also need to involve the community when they refurbishing the SROs, so that people want to get into the buildings.
- Sue Baker: Carnegie outreach has people who are working who has lived experience.
- Vince: We may need to extend the meeting a bit.
- Steve: Is there any update on the Regent and the Balmoral? The hotels that were taken by BC Housing, what are their status? Are they going back to the owners later?
- Vince: We have had several programs that are currently going and we have 4 new programs starting in the next couple of weeks.
  - The feedback in the block is that there is some fear about the possibility of the pressure washing happening this week. Is it possible that we can do the pressure washing via the community, so that their stuff will be respectfully? Can Engineering provide the supplies?
    - Mike: We will aim to be respectful no matter what, but we are open to a community lead pressure washing program.
- There has been some reports of city crews slashing tents, we can't confirm it later.
  - Mike: If this is true then this is not being done at our direction, please let us know if you have any information so we can follow up. We are directing staff not to decamp people and defiantly not to attack people's belongings.

#### **4. Adjournment**

- Ended at 4:43

**Next Meeting Dates - ONLINE: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 -4:30 PM**  
**IN PERSON at 312 Main ST: Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3-4:30 PM**

**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Fire Prev. Office Captain](#)  
**Subject:** Attending the encampment today  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:51:13 AM

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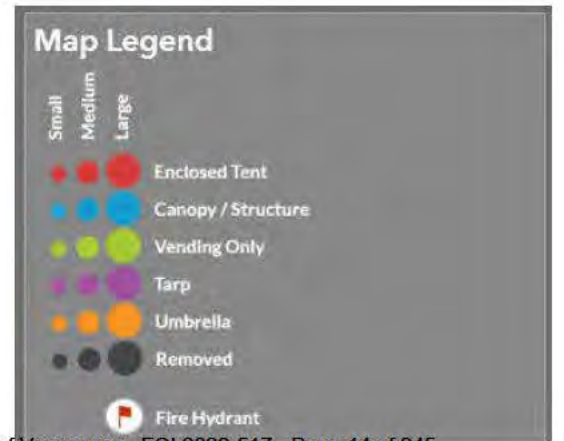
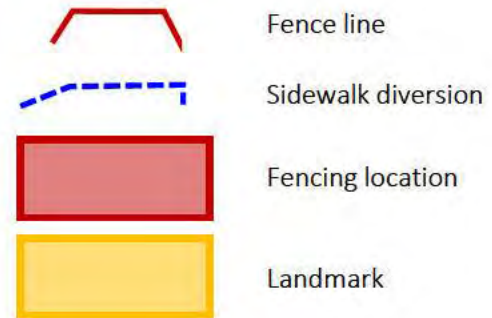
Hey there

I just finished the morning meeting at National Yards and will be attending the Hastings tent encampment shortly to do a walk through. I may be back in the office in the afternoon. I have a meeting with the Block Fire Captains from VANDU at 1:30 at 370 E Hastings to go over their roles and responsibilities. I'm available by cell if you need me.

Dave

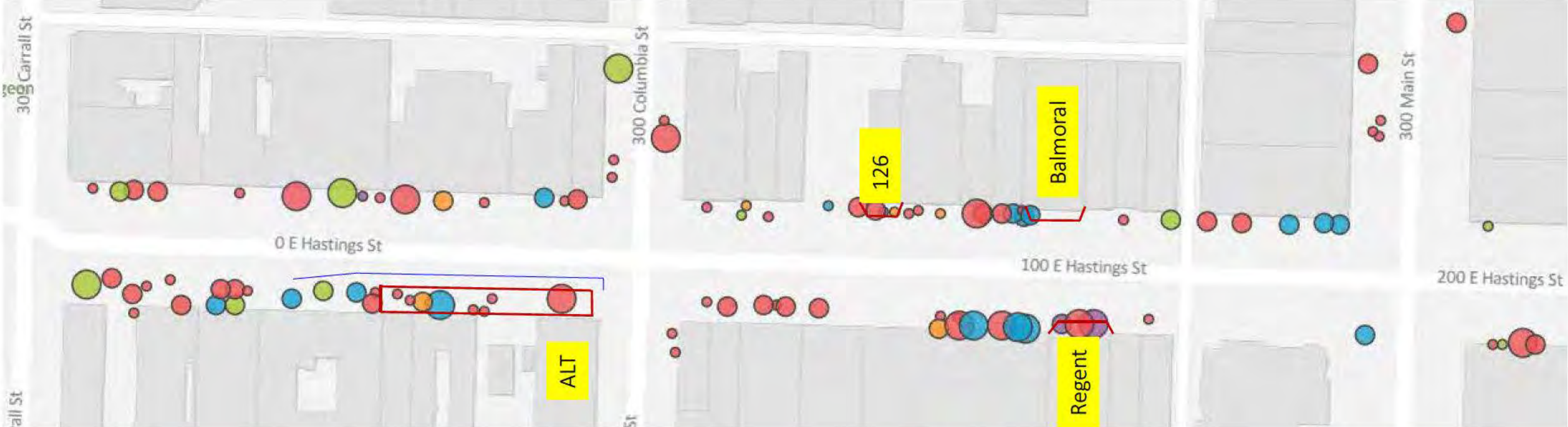
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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Building protections and fencing - Hastings  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Fri 9/9/2022 1:00 PM  
**End:** Fri 9/9/2022 2:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Jasper, Kirsten  
**Required Attendees:** Simpson, Mark; McDermott, Jonathan (Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca); Hogan, Paul (eng); Chan, Stephen; Riminchan, Aleks; Cavrlj, Anthony; Baker, Sue; Moss, Bob; Hurford, Dianna; Meers, Dave; Renning, Rob; Mauboules, Celine (celine.mauboules@vancouver.ca); wvalenci@bchousing.org; Lam, Phoenix; Tait, Godfrey

**Importance:** High

Hi folks – pls see below and attached.

Would like to discuss the need to install some fencing in a few areas along the Hastings strip starting next week. Summary is below. I will be taking this to the People, Moves and Supports table next Tuesday for additional discussion and coordination, where it relates to impact to individuals sheltering in the locations we are looking at.

This meeting is to raise awareness on this work, priority locations, coordination needs, proposed timings/sequence and identify any additional impacts or planning considerations.

### Regent Hotel – 160 E. Hastings

- Require fencing to keep 3 emergency exits and FDC clear. Fencing also required to allow REFM to remove broken glass and board windows for fire safety
- We can start with partial fencing where space is clear and expand as able – *may be able to begin as early as today.*
- **Needs to be done ASAP**, and will require some additional support to assist Melody and Francesca in transitioning ++ belongings into storage
- If there is any accelerated housing that can be arranged for Melody &/or Francesca, hoping we can explore

### Balmoral Hotel – 159 E. Hastings

- Require re-installation of fencing in front of building for fire safety purposes
- Fencing was in place prior to removal of sign but for some reason has not been reinstalled or kept in place
- Needs to be done ASAP, this should be fairly easy to implement given current conditions re: congestion
- **Target date next Weds, Sept 14 or sooner**
- There is one individual that has been sheltering in the alcove here who will potentially require some additional outreach/info and support

### 126 E. Hastings

- Vacant bldg. immediately adjacent and to the east of the garden, N. site 100 block
- Required for fire protection purposes

- **Needs to be done ASAP**
- Outreach will know current status of any people sheltering in this area. Additional engagement/supports may be required.

#### 52-92 E. Hastings (Aboriginal Land Trust)

- Lane closure and fencing required to allow ITC Construction to install hoarding and sidewalk breezeway
- ALT and AFD have agreed to lead communication to individuals sheltering in this area re: project and what people are being asked to do.
- Outreach knows who is sheltering here and timeline for any housing. These folks may need additional supports to relocate temporarily or perhaps something can be expedited for them?
- Enhanced communication and outreach needs to start here early next week.
- **Lane closure, TMP and fencing will need to be installed Sept. 16**

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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Canceled: Hastings St - Daily Operations Call  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Sat 9/3/2022 8:45 AM  
**End:** Sat 9/3/2022 9:30 AM  
**Show Time As:** Free

**Recurrence:** Daily  
**Recurrence Pattern:** every day from 8:45 AM to 9:30 AM

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Jasper, Kirsten

**Required Attendees:** Zupan, Mike; Shames, Albert; Scollard, Taryn; Sidwell, Amy; Hogan, Paul (eng); McDermott, Jonathan; Parker, Lisa; Tardif-Bennett, Ashley; Baker, Sue; Zak, MaryClare; Henselmann, Branislav; Melles, Bruk; Mauboules, Celine; Hurford, Dianna; Stevens, Daniel; Clark, Elizabeth; Myles, Miranda; Meers, Dave; Trudeau, Matthew; Renning, Rob; Lepps, Betty; Peterson, Darren; MacKenzie, Angela; Tait, Godfrey; Lam, Phoenix; Pontikis, Maria; WHYSKER, Tanya; CHAPMAN, Don; DOBRECI, Besnik; LEE, Rich; Lawson, Cam; Tran, Tan; Walker, Breanna; Rana, Preet; adunnet@bchousing.org; Holliday, Elizabeth [VC; Partridge, Stephane [VCH; wvalenci@bchousing.org; Carmen Hall; hhartman@bchousing.org; Verena.Weigle@vch.ca; Davidson, Catherine  
**Optional Attendees:** Beatch, Laurence; Mital, Eric; Wong, Gillian; Singh, Sandra; Lupick, Dustin

**Importance:** High

**This meeting is for Ops leads and Comms staff directly involved in deconstructing and support work related to Hastings. Please refrain from forwarding this invite unnecessarily, or check with the Organizer if you have questions.**

### Agenda

1. Land acknowledgement
2. Safety, health & wellness
3. Situation Update and Today's Plan
  - a. ENG
  - b. ACCS
  - c. VPB
  - d. VPD
  - e. VFRS
  - f. BCH
  - g. VCH
4. EOC Priority Actions
5. Comms & Messaging
6. Other

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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Cascading impacts - ALT hoarding 52-92 E. Hastings  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Wed 9/7/2022 11:00 AM  
**End:** Wed 9/7/2022 11:45 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Jasper, Kirsten  
**Required Attendees:** Zupan, Mike; McDermott, Jonathan (Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca); Hurford, Dianna; Meers, Dave; Ridge, Maxwell

Hi folks – looks like Dianna will be setting up a meeting with ALT, ITC and project leads on our plans around the lane closure etc. for Weds at 2pm

Can we please connect ahead of this to quickly discuss

- what we are taking to that group (Max and I can have something ready, a slide or two to share),
- questions about how to best communicate to folks most affected?
- knock-on implications re: dispersal and displacement of folks on that block
  - o who is impacted, where they may end up, any additional supports needed to help them transition from that location
  - o what areas we need to be concerned about (i.e. any FDCs, open doorways or highly vulnerable bldgs.) we may need to protect ahead of this work
- Other

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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Communications re: bldg protections and fencing  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Mon 9/12/2022 1:00 PM  
**End:** Mon 9/12/2022 2:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Jasper, Kirsten  
**Required Attendees:** Tait, Godfrey; Lam, Phoenix; Trudeau, Matthew; Meers, Dave; Hurford, Dianna; Baker, Sue; McDermott, Jonathan (Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca)

To discuss key messages re: bldg. fencing and fire protections on Hastings, as well as method/approach to advise community groups and folks sheltering on the street.

KJ

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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Community Table  
**Location:** MS Teams (Online Only)

**Start:** Tue 9/13/2022 3:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 9/13/2022 4:30 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Zak, MaryClare  
**Required Attendees:** McDermott, Jonathan; Ali, Shabna; Southard, Rose; Morrison, Haig; Zupan, Mike; Shames, Albert; Scollard, Taryn; Magnusson, Rachel; Melles, Bruk; s.22(1); Meenakshi Mannoe; Elli Taylor; eli@vandu.org; Vince Tao; Brandee Lee; s.22(1); Meers, Dave; Watt, Harris; Sumter-Freitag, April; McRae-Smith, Bronwen; Parker, Lisa; Hurford, Dianna; Baker, Sue; 'Steve Johnston'; 'Ingrid Mendez'; 'Executive Director'; 'Norm Leech'; Tara Taylor

*Thank you everyone for participating in last weeks' meeting at 312 Main St. Please see attached draft notes from this meeting. As requested we are changing the name of the meeting to 'Community Table'. We will be online tomorrow, and then back in person the following week. If there is a strong desire to be in person only for these meetings we will make this adjustment. So far the response has been mixed – some want in person, others are preferring online one week and in person the next.*

*We have a number of report backs from the meeting, and we also have an agenda item we would like to discuss related to peer based research. Thank you and look forward to seeing you.*

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Lepps, Betty](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Crab Park  
**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 1:26:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Betty,

Hope things are going well with you.

I heard this weekend that the Park Rangers have stopped attending the tent encampment at Crab park due to safety concerns and that a Safety Assessment has been ordered. I just wanted to have a conversation with you on this matter when you have a moment. In the interests of safety, we will be directing our Fire Prevention Staff not to attend Crab park as well until we hear back from you and the results of this assessment. Talk soon,

Fire



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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Encampment discussion

**Start:** Fri 8/5/2022 10:00 AM  
**End:** Fri 8/5/2022 11:00 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Meers, Dave  
**Required Attendees:** swilkinson@winnipeg.ca

Meeting with AC Wilkinson Winnipeg Fire re: encampment issues.

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Jasper, Kirsten](#)  
**Subject:** Fire Chief's Order Hastings Street Tent Encampment  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 2:28:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Chiefs Order - Hastings Tents July 21st.pdf](#)

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Here you go Kirsten.

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**Date:** Monday, July 25st 2022

**TO:** City of Vancouver  
C/O Paul Mochrie  
453 W 12th Ave  
Vancouver, BC

(Name, Mailing address and Postal Code)

**The premises** North and South side of  
East & West Hastings St.  
& Main Street

**by you to wit,** Tent encampment  
(Type of Occupancy)

**Located** Unit block W Hastings to 200  
block E Hastings and  
surrounding vicinity

Vancouver, B.C.

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

**THE INSPECTION REVEALED:**

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

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

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


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

**This Order is to be complied with on or before:** Wednesday July 27 17:00

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

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

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

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LAFC	2328	<i>(Fire Chief)</i>
		
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Short, Chris](#); [Craig, Christian](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheung, Rick](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Fire Extinguisher Training for Block Fire Captains of Hastings Tent Encampment  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:08:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Captain Short,

I just had a meeting with VANDU and their Block Fire Captains from the Hastings Tent Encampment. There is a need for another fire extinguisher training session with these folks as many of those who received the original training are no longer in place. I was hoping that we could get this done as early as next week if the schedule of the Pub Ed Team would permit it. Please let me know your availability and I will try to set something up.

Thanks very much,

Fire



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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Jasper, Kirsten](#); [Stevens, Daniel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tent Fire 432 E Hastings  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 10:15:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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FYI

Tent fire this morning at Hastings Tent Encampment.

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**From:** VFRS Fire Investigations s.15(1)(l)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Connelly, Trevor <trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Tent Fire 432 E Hastings

Chiefs,

This morning Engine 1 responded for a Tent Fire in front of 432 E Hastings.

VFRS # 22-0046397

VAINV73 responded.

Minor damage as cracked glass at front of business address.

Tent and camp materials suffered extensive damage.

No witnesses or persons present at time of investigation.

No cause identified, drug paraphernalia throughout including cooker cups.

Thank you,

Captain Jamie Robertson MIAAI-FIT, CFEI

Fire Investigator / L.A.F.C.

Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Hastings Strategy (Confidential) - Structures Removal for Fire/Life Safety  
**Location:** webex

**Start:** Tue 7/26/2022 11:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 7/26/2022 12:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Melles, Bruk  
**Required Attendees:** Baker, Sue; Zupan, Mike; Shames, Albert; Zak, MaryClare; Hurford, Dianna; Bob Moss (bob.moss@vancouver.ca); Mauboules, Celine; Ali, Shabna; Parker, Lisa; Tran, Tan; Meers, Dave; Lam, Phoenix; Wittgens, Margaret; Domes, Krystyna; Cheung, Rick  
**Optional Attendees:** Jeremy McElroy (Jeremy.McElroy@vancouver.ca); Singh, Sandra

Hi Sandra, adding you as optional so you're aware of the next strategy meeting. Thanks, Bruk

Hi Everyone,

To pick up from this morning's meeting and continue finalizing the implementation plan.  
Hoping you can overcome obstacles in your schedule to attend.

Respectfully,  
Bruk

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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Hastings Tent Encampment Walkthrough  
**Location:** 141 East Hastings

**Start:** Thu 7/21/2022 9:30 AM  
**End:** Thu 7/21/2022 10:00 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Meers, Dave  
**Required Attendees:** Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain s.15(1)(l); Lee, Cliff; Van Doorn, Rob

Walk through for propane tanks, FDC access, building access/egress. Hand out of tent fire safety rack cards.



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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Beech, Jenny](#)  
**Cc:** [Hogan, Paul \(eng\)](#); [McDermott, Jonathan](#)  
**Subject:** List of SRO"s On Hastings street  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 10:40:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Jenny,

Here is a list of the SRO's on Hastings Street:

**East Hastings**

1. 16
2. 25
3. 29
4. 31
5. 52
6. 77
7. 83
8. 100
9. 101
10. 103
11. 122
12. 159 (The Balmoral)
13. 160 (The Regent)
14. 166
15. 177
16. 235
17. 237
18. 239
19. 241
20. 242
21. 249
22. 258
23. 265
24. 341
25. 344
26. 367
27. 389
28. 403
29. 456
30. 561
31. 635
32. 684
33. 782
34. 786
35. 872

### **West Hastings**

- 36. 5
- 37. 7
- 38. 20
- 39. 33
- 40. 37
- 41. 84
- 42. 100
- 43. 106
- 44. 116

Let me know if you need anything else! Thanks for all of your work on the map! This is awesome!

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Claire & Georgia Gram](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2022 9:05:19 AM

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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-vancouver-tent-encampment-leaves-city-to-figure-out-better-way-to/> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Overtime in #1 and 2's District  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 3:56:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hey Rob,

Is it ok to send this?

Hi Everyone,

Due to the staffing constraints caused by the Hastings Street Tent Encampment as well as general low staffing levels, there will be overtime opportunities for Fire Inspectors in Districts 1 and 2. This will start next week on Mondays and Fridays and will continue until the backlog of complaints, re-inspections and overdue inspections have been caught up. We will be looking for 2 Inspectors Monday and Friday for full shifts to assist with this work. Inspectors will report to Captain Lee for their assignments and work as directed by him. On Mondays, when Captain Lee is on his assigned day off, Staff will report to the Office Captain.

Staff are to reply to the Office Captain who will be tracking the list of members. Overtime will be awarded according to the Fire Prevention Overtime Policy.

Thanks very much,



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## Kao, Lorna

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**Subject:** Phase 3 Planning Session  
**Location:** Woodward's - 4A - Hastings Mill Room (15 person)  
  
**Start:** Thu 8/18/2022 10:00 AM  
**End:** Thu 8/18/2022 2:00 PM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Accepted  
  
**Organizer:** Lagerquist, Darryl  
**Required Attendees:** Baker, Sue; Zupan, Mike; Hogan, Paul (eng); Peterson, Darren; Betty Lepps (Betty.Lepps@vancouver.ca); Jones, Liz (City Protective Services); CHAPMAN, Don; Meers, Dave; Ali, Shabna

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**Subject:** Psychological Support for Fire Inspectors  
**Location:** VFRS Rosenlund Boardroom (27pp)

**Start:** Wed 8/31/2022 1:00 PM  
**End:** Wed 8/31/2022 2:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Meers, Dave  
**Required Attendees:** Jeffrey Cartwright; VFRS Fire Prevention - DL  
**Optional Attendees:** Mueske, Darren; Hart, Owen; Motkaluk, Randall; Tweedie, Mark; Fire Prev. Office Captain; Price, Fraser; Macaulay, Colin; Craig, Christian; Thuss, Fraser; Renning, Rob; Cornelius, Katherine; Lee, Jay; Wolf, Naomi; Fire Prev. Plan/Train Captain; Grimminck, Patrick

**Resources:** VFRS Rosenlund Boardroom (27pp)

Hi Everyone,

Our response to the Hastings Tent Encampment in assisting COV Sanitation to enforce the Fire Chief's Order has drawn more of our staff into the Downtown Eastside. This has put them in uncomfortable situations dealing with the challenges posed by carrying out this important work. Since the EOC has now been activated, there has been a mental health professional assigned to the incident in order to help staff deal with the ongoing stress of attending this site on a regular basis.

In speaking to some of our staff lately about their concerns, and stress that they have felt about attending the encampment, I felt that we would all benefit from a session with this resource. Jeff Cartwright is a former New Westminster Firefighter who is now a Certified Trauma Responder. He has been working with the COV Sanitation staff for a while now who themselves deal with a lot of urban issues involving DTES residents in the course of their duties.

I had lunch with Jeff yesterday at the EOC and he was more than happy to come and speak to our staff when asked. I have set up an in person session with him next week on Wednesday afternoon for all to attend. Attendance in person is not mandatory, but is STRONGLY encouraged.

Please respond and arrange your schedules accordingly. I really feel that this will be a beneficial support for our staff.

<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.ca/en/users/jeffrey-cartwright>



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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Cheung, Rick](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Fire at the Keefer Rooms  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 9:50:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks for passing this along Rick. The SRO collaborative sounds like a really great resource.



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**From:** Cheung, Rick <rick.cheung@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 9:46 AM  
**To:** VFRS Fire Prevention - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Fire at the Keefer Rooms

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**From:** Wendy Pedersen s.22(1)  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Fire at the Keefer Rooms

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Dear City staff,

This is an update on the fire at the 39 unit Keefer Rooms (Friday, Sept 9) to the best of my knowledge.

**Was anyone hurt in the fire?** Thankfully no. This is a photo of the last two guys who got out of the hotel. Doug climbed down the fire escape. Brian (left) and his two kids who were sleeping on his floor, slept through the first part of the fire. Brian is an SRO Collaborative food coordinator and luckily we called him and woke him up and told him and his kids to get out of the hotel! He said to me that his luck is actually not luck and a direct benefit of being part of a community organizing program.





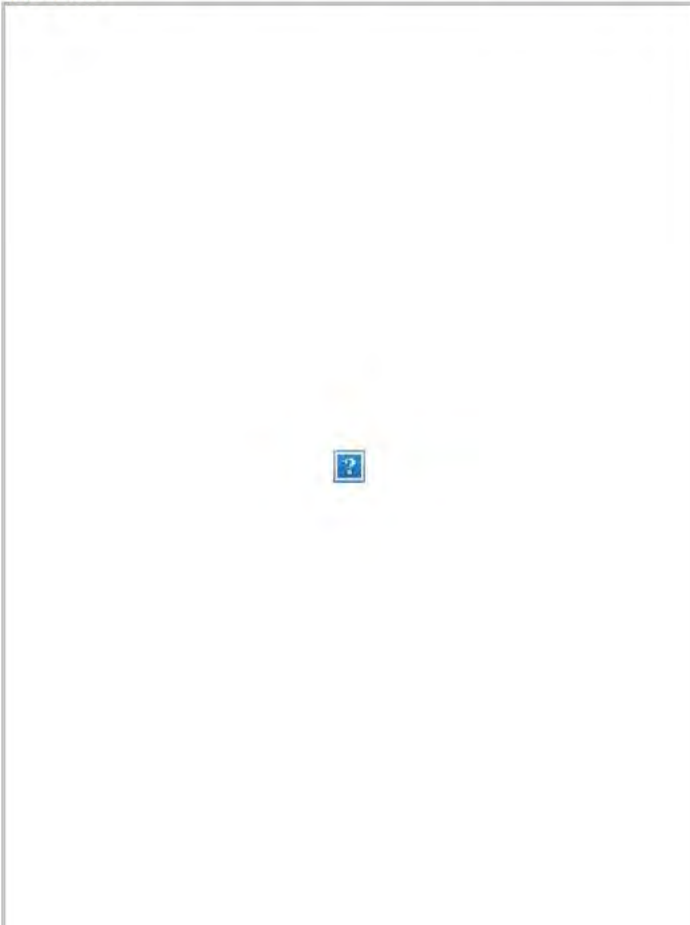
**Did the tenants get re-housed and what support do they have?** It was a traumatic day for the 39 tenants but thanks to the owner and his management team there, 23 out of 39 tenants were relocated into five other SROs in the owner's (Chris Wall) portfolio. The caretakers of these buildings organized to get beds and bedding, and showed up at the Keefer Rooms to escort tenants and pets to their new rooms. The other 16 tenants were relocated to the shelter at the UGM (7), the Walton shelter (2) or scattered with some refusing to leave and were camping out around the hotel (7). In the next few days, I can likely provide a list of the names of these 16 homeless tenants and we are hoping that UGM, Lookout (Walton Shelter) and Carnegie Outreach find them all and help them get a room. There was one tenant who speaks Chinese who needs a lot of mental health support and this tenant was relocated to the Walton Hotel shelter (hoping the Lookout Society can give him extra care) and four or five people are sleeping outside of the Keefer Rooms including Doug in the photo above - (hoping Carnegie Outreach can find them all and help them). I trust the management of Keefer Rooms will keep an eye out and advocate for the homeless tenants and we will do our best in that regard too. We are connected to the Buddhist Temple on the 300 block of East Hastings and they sent a huge donation of blankets, pillows, food and other necessities and the excellent caretakers distributed the items to the tenants. SRO-C will set up a fundraiser for the tenants and help negotiate, if possible, for some compensation for lost belongings under the owner's insurance.

**What's next for the building?** The fire started in Gain Wah restaurant and shot up the flue to the roof and was put out by the fire department before it could rip through the rooms upstairs. Thankfully according to the city engineers there is no structural damage to the building but there is significant smoke and water damage. I'm heard from the owner that

there is insurance to cover repairs and it will take two months to renovate. They are looking for a permit from the city to get going on this asap. I got a verbal commitment from the owner, that tenants who want to move back in, can do so, when the new rooms are ready. A silver lining in all this is the full renovation of rooms and bathrooms.

**Tenants' belongings:** The owner is arranging for coordinated access for tenants to retrieve any belongings that they can salvage in the coming week. The owner is paying for 24-7 security at the front and back end of the building to prevent theft. Unfortunately there was a security breach on the first night and rooms were ransacked. There might be insurance money to cover the loss of tenants' belongings and SRO-C will be pursuing this for the tenants. Many lost sentimental and valuable belongings because of the fire and theft. We're very sad about this but also just grateful that nobody was hurt.

**Gain Wah restaurant:** A fundraiser has been set up by the Youth Collaborative for Chinatown to help Gain Wah recover costs so that this historic, low income serving Chinatown restaurant can re-open, if possible. The SRO-C's Chinatown staff (Nick on the right in photo) will be working to ensure that this restaurant or something like it, remains on the site.



During COVID we provided bits of funding to Gain Wah so that they could serve meals to the tenants upstairs and one of the servers lived in the hotel. The restaurant staff are very sad about losing their longtime workplace. [https://www.gofundme.com/f/ap5rx-fire-relief-fund-for-beloved-chinatown-restaurant?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/ap5rx-fire-relief-fund-for-beloved-chinatown-restaurant?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer) [gofundme.com]

**What did we learn?:** The SRO Collaborative was deeply involved over the last few years in this building with the tenant and the restaurant through our programs: hot meals, grocery program, community kitchen, indigenous reconnections, maintenance, covid, TORO harm reduction, heat dome and BBQs tenant committee meetings. The intentional development of these relationships between SRO Collaborative staff with tenants and the landlord helped mitigate some of the trauma and contributed to the accountability of the landlord who knows about the [DTES Community Land Trust \[cmhc-schl.gc.ca\]](https://cmhc-schl.gc.ca) and is motivated to work with us. In other words, tenants are benefiting directly from being connected to a larger sector of community based support. We also learned a lot about what happens when there is a fire and how we can implement a fire safety program to help tenants be more ready for a future fire in this SRO and others (tenants disabling the fire alarm on their floor, what to do with deaf tenants, there is a model fire prevention program at the Silver Avalon Hotel created by a caretaker there that we need to check out, the need to have a regularly updated tenant phone list and floor captains, agreed upon place to marshall, incentives to participate in the preparation).

Thanks to the SRO-C staff and Chris Wall's staff who were there for the day and worked hard to ensure tenants had what they needed, including getting pet carriers and pet food, helping tenants with food and to settle into their new rooms.

If you have any questions in the days to come, please don't hesitate to call me.

Wendy

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Wendy Pedersen, Director  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [OUR STREETS VANDU](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Fire hydrants  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 12:55:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Hamish,

Sorry for the late reply, I [s.22\(1\)](#) am just getting caught up on emails right now. For civilian use of a Fire Hydrant you need a permit that is issued through Water Works and not VFRS unfortunately. I am sorry that I can't help you with this. I can put you in touch with the folks from waterworks if you are still interested and have not found a work around. Let me know.



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**From:** OUR STREETS VANDU <our.streets@vandu.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 1:33 PM

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

**Subject:** [EXT] Fire hydrants

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Hi Dave,

Over the last few days we've been collaborating with the city to assist in pressure washing the blocks where people are camping in Hastings. However we're having trouble finding enough functional hose bibs on the exterior of buildings to complete the job.

I noticed some city crews using adaptors to source water to the pressure washer from fire hydrants. Would it be possible to access a fire hydrant for a day or two given we are assisting

the city with this work? It would be much appreciated!

Best,  
Hamish

**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Zak, MaryClare](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Re: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:04:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.jpg](#)

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Hi MaryClare,

I just had a good meeting with VANDU and the Block Fire Captains. There has been quite a bit of turnover of these folks and the amount and locations of the remaining Fire Extinguishers are not clear to me.....This makes me feel that we have few action items to ensure some community safety for the time being.

What I recommend is the following:

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I let them know that if they ever attend a tent fire on the street they MUST call the fire department to respond even if they feel they have adequately extinguished it. This is for safety as well as data collection. We want to know about every fire.

It was a pretty good meeting. They asked me a bunch of questions about the Fire Chief's Order, our enforcement efforts, general fire safety and the fire safety of SROs.

Any help you can offer with getting these extinguishers in place would be greatly appreciated. I would like to schedule the extinguisher training next week.

Thanks MaryClare.

Fire



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**From:** Brittany Graham <[brittany@vandu.org](mailto:brittany@vandu.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:42 PM

**To:** Tara Taylor <[tara@spencercreo.ca](mailto:tara@spencercreo.ca)>

**Cc:** Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; [our.streets@vandu.org](mailto:our.streets@vandu.org); Stop the Sweeps DTES <[stopthesweeps@vandu.org](mailto:stopthesweeps@vandu.org)>

**Subject:** [EXT] Re: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment

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Hi All:

The supplies and materials that were originally decided for our grant were not specific to fire order or fire safety but to cleaning and outreach activities. I believe if this is something that you would like VANDU to take on we would suggest an increase to cover these costs.

Happy to chat more about this if needed.

Brittany

On Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 11:23 AM Tara Taylor <[tara@spencercreo.ca](mailto:tara@spencercreo.ca)> wrote:

Hi Mary Clare et al,

The fire extinguishers purchased were all given out to the first round of block fire captains, with two extras for replenishing when used, those both have gone out.

OPS is still waiting for our Aug funding and unfortunately doesn't have any extra money to cover another round of extinguishers until we receive some money - Dianna has the invoice and might know more about when ops will receive, but yeah we've floated all the expenses for the past month and are pretty squeezed for even our daily operations.

[ljavier@vanfire.com](mailto:ljavier@vanfire.com) (Lee) at VanFire is who I connected with to get them purchased and delivered.



You'll hear to set up an account with them.

Tara

On Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 10:28 AM Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Good morning - I recall that OPS purchased fire extinguishers in the past – so the \$ could come from the funding City provides for OPS or VANDU for block stewardship.

mc

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:11 AM  
**To:** Zak, MaryClare <[MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment

Hi MaryClare,

I have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the Block Fire Captains and Hamish was mentioning that they could use a few more portable fire extinguishers on the street. The extra ones that are in the adjacent buildings were provided by BC Housing, but do you know where the ones came from for the Block Fire Captains? Hamish thought it was VFRS but I think this was unlikely. I am hoping you may know the source.

Thanks,

Fire



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**From:** Meers, Dave  
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**Subject:** RE: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment

Thanks Cluny,

I will reach out to MaryClare Zak. I am pretty sure that she will know.



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**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Will Valenciano <[wvalenci@bchousing.org](mailto:wvalenci@bchousing.org)>  
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Hi Dave,

I don't think this was us – we rolled out an extinguisher distribution to the housing programs adjacent to the sidewalk. My understanding was that CoV (Social Policy?) led the initiative you've referenced through VANDU.

Let us know though if there are ways we can support. Happy to help.

Kind regards,

Cluny



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**Sent:** August 31, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** Will Valenciano <[wvalenci@bchousing.org](mailto:wvalenci@bchousing.org)>  
**Cc:** Cluny MacPherson <[cmacpher@bchousing.org](mailto:cmacpher@bchousing.org)>  
**Subject:** Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment

[External]

Hi Will and Cluny,

When the Hastings Encampment was in its early stages there were some extinguishers given out to some of the folks in the tents and there was some extinguisher training provided to the "Block Fire Captains". I re-engaged with some of the Community Advocates on this issue as I wanted to ensure that they still had people in place and extinguishers available. I am going to have a meeting with them this Friday and go over their roles and expectations. They were mentioning that they could use 2 or 3 more extinguishers. I believe that these were given out originally by BC Housing and wanted to see what the chances would be of getting some more. I am not sure where the other ones are that were originally given out but I could ask them how many are currently in place. Any assistance you could give me with this would be much appreciated.

Thanks very much,

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Firehall 09 - A Shift](#)  
**Cc:** [VFRS Fire Prevention - DL](#)  
**Subject:** Re: \*\* URGENT \*\*1836 /1840 E Hastings St  
**Date:** Saturday, September 10, 2022 7:12:40 PM

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Thanks Captain Felts. We will get an inspector on this first thing Monday morning.

AC Meers

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2022, at 6:44 PM, Firehall 09 - A Shift  
<[s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#)> wrote:

Prevention,

Just wanted to bring to your attention a couple of address in the city that we feel pose a significant life safety risk.

We have filled out FDM and put in a complaints TAB

Please look at 1836 & 1840 E Hastings St.

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Thank you.

I am familiar with this building, it does need a bit of work, I will go there today with F Price.

On Sep 12, 2022, at 8:12 AM, Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain  
s.15(1)(i) wrote:

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Dave

Thanks Cliff

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**From:** Meers, Dave  
**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#)  
**Cc:** [Firehall 09 - A Shift: VFRS Fire Prevention - DL](#)  
**Subject:** Re: \*\* URGENT \*\*1836 /1840 E Hastings St  
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**Sent:** Saturday, September 10, 2022 7:13 PM  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Morgan, Dylan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 74 w Hastings  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 9:31:00 AM  
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Thanks very much Dylan.



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**From:** Morgan, Dylan <Dylan.Morgan@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 9:30 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: 74 w Hastings

Hi Chief Meers

I'm out with Owen. We will do it today.

Regards

Acting Captain  
Dylan Morgan

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2022, at 9:21 AM, Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hi Acting Captain Morgan,

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**From:** Harvey, Sean <[sean.harvey@vancouver.ca](mailto:sean.harvey@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 8:38 AM

**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** 74 w Hastings

Hi Chief,

Grand Union Hotel needs an inspection to ensure a fire watch is being maintained and that they are having the FA and WA serviced.

Best Regards,

**Sean Harvey | Halls Liaison Captain**  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 74 w Hastings  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 3:28:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Thanks Captain Morgan. Much appreciated.

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**From:** Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain **s.15(1)(l)**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: 74 w Hastings

Hello Chief Meers D

This After fire has been completed and is entered in FDM.  
Sprinkler head involved has been replaced and Sprinkler system has been serviced.

Regards,

***Dylan Morgan,*** *LAFC 2849*  
***Acting Captain, Problem Buildings Team | H.A.R.T***  
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**To:** Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain **S.15(1)(l)** Morgan, Dylan  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Schwebs, Saul](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 109 & 123 E Hastings owner info  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 4:33:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Excellent! Thanks Saul. I will forward this information to Kirsten Jasper at the EOC who is leading this effort. I will get back to you with the results of her conversations with the owners.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 4:32 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** 109 & 123 E Hastings owner info

Hi Dave,

The information I promised you is below. Please let me know whether or not the owners' of 123 E Hastings are amenable to installing a fence.

- 109 E Hastings –Paul Purewal (Sahotas' rep), 604.808.8652, [s.22\(1\)](#)
- 123 E Hastings – Calvin Chan (of Concord Pacific), 604.789.9063, [calvin.chan@concordpacific.com](mailto:calvin.chan@concordpacific.com)

Cheers,

Saul Schwebs Architect AIBC

(he/him)

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheung, Rick](#)  
**Subject:** Re: after fire inspection process  
**Date:** Sunday, September 18, 2022 5:13:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[image001.jpg](#)

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Absolutely. I think we should automate them as well.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2022, at 12:44 PM, Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Can we please meet for a few minutes to discuss how we are assigning these?

After a recent incident and a meeting on E Hastings street, It has come to my attention that we may be missing some of these. I believe a quick discussion will clarify that. Perhaps we need a daily automated report that Gurdip could help with? It seems like on the surface we may not be aware of the many small fires that are happening and thus, not following up on some of these locations.

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Hughes, Fiona](#); [Jasper, Kirsten](#); [McDermott, Jonathan](#)  
**Cc:** [Tait, Godfrey](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Communications Issue Note: Fencing around DTES buildings - For your review  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:41:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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[image005.png](#)

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Thanks Fiona,

This new link works for me. I am just forwarding to Chief Renning on this so that he is in the loop. I will review it and get back to you.



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**Cc:** Tait, Godfrey <Godfrey.Tait@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Communications Issue Note: Fencing around DTES buildings - For your review

Here is a new link. I hope it works. If not, we'll have to go old school with an attached Word doc. Let me know.

S.15(1)(i)

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**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Jasper, Kirsten <kirsten.jasper@vancouver.ca>; McDermott, Jonathan <jonathan.mcdermott@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Communications Issue Note: Fencing around DTES buildings - For your review

Hi all,

Apologies for this hiccup. I am trying to see how to get you all access to this document. (I also had to request access to the DTES folder last week.)

Once I've sorted it out, I will email you back.

Sorry about all this. But thank you for your quick replies in the meantime.

Fiona

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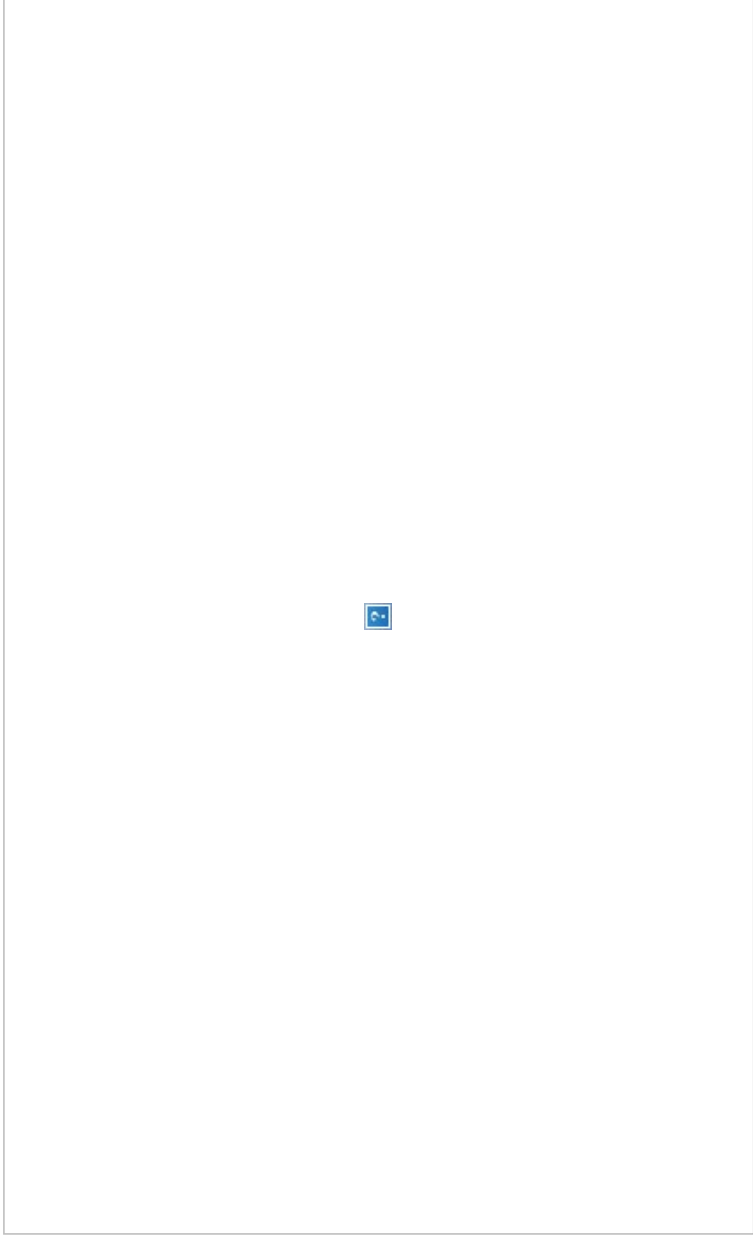
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:12 PM

**To:** Hughes, Fiona <[Fiona.Hughes@vancouver.ca](mailto:Fiona.Hughes@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Communications Issue Note: Fencing around DTES buildings - For your review

Hi Fiona,

This is the error message that I got when I tried to open this link.



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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:56 PM

**To:** Jasper, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca)>; McDermott, Jonathan <[Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Cc:** Tait, Godfrey <[Godfrey.Tait@vancouver.ca](mailto:Godfrey.Tait@vancouver.ca)>; Lam, Phoenix <[Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca](mailto:Phoenix.Lam@vancouver.ca)>; Trudeau, Matthew <[Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca](mailto:Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** Communications Issue Note: Fencing around DTES buildings - For your review

Hello Kirsten, Jonathan and Dave,

Here's the link to the draft Issues Note regarding fencing around vacant buildings on Hastings. Can you please review and make any necessary changes by tomorrow morning before lunch?

s.15(1)(l)

Thank you,  
Fiona

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 4:06 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Connelly, Trevor <[trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca](mailto:trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca)>; Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Crew fire inspections

So very much appreciated. I did notice the numbers were down when I took a cursory look at it.  
We will get the On Duty ACs to follow up with the crews.  
Thanks for all that you are doing!!!!  
Karen

**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:42 PM  
**To:** Fry, Karen <[Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca](mailto:Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Connelly, Trevor <[trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca](mailto:trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca)>; Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Crew fire inspections

Hi Chief Fry,

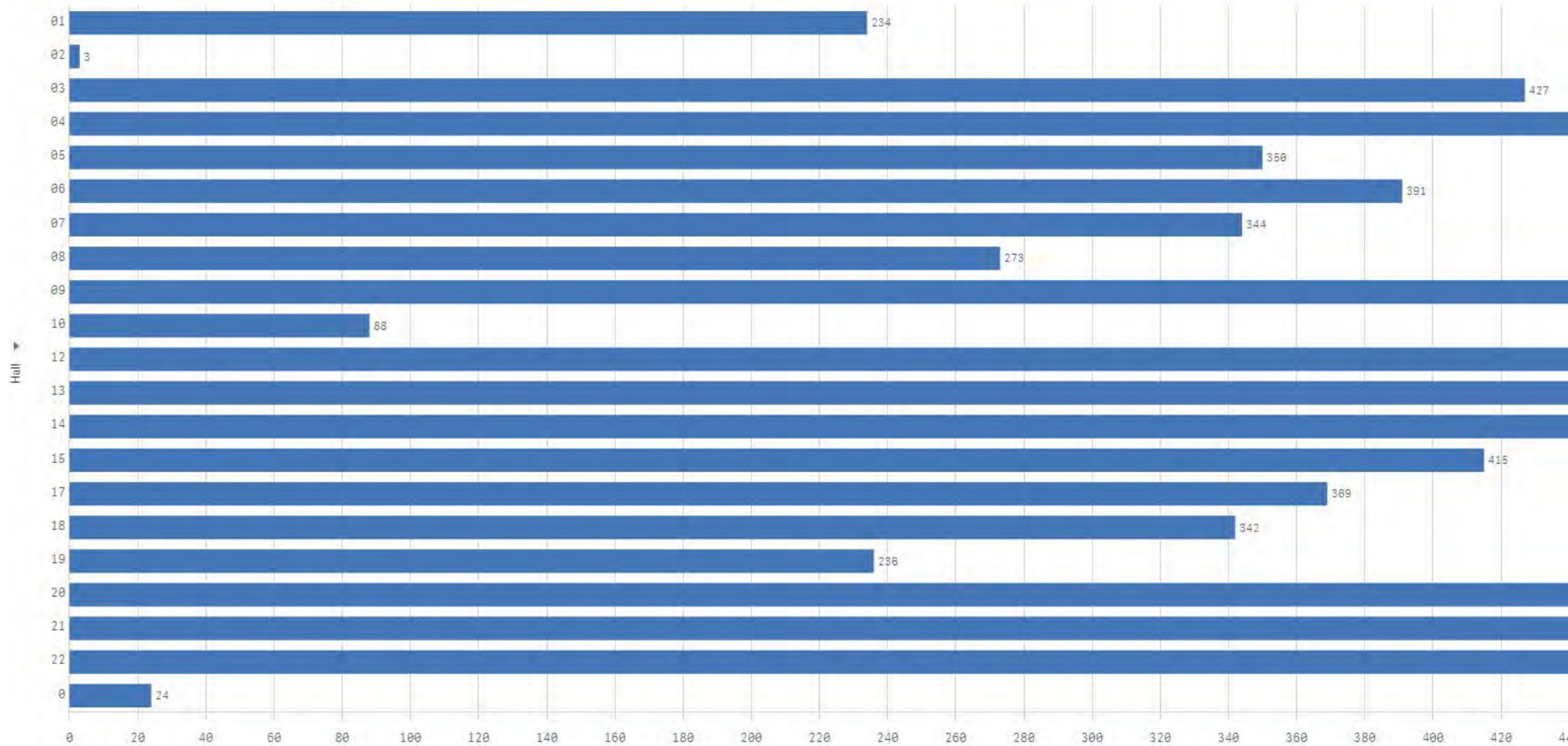
I have been pretty reoccupied with the Hastings Tent Encampment for a good part of the summer so have not had a chance to keep a close eye on the Firehall inspections data as much as other times. I had a quick look and here is a snapshot of what I found.

- We are doing better than last year in terms of Firehall inspections but last year was not a full year so it is difficult to make a good comparison.
- That being said, there are a number of Firehalls that could be doing better. #1 Firehall has really poor inspection numbers. They are trending much lower than most of the other halls, at about ½ of what most Firehalls accomplish.
- #2 is not doing inspections, #8 is struggling to do some. #10 and #19 do not have very many inspections, that is why their numbers are so low.



## VAF INS - Completed by Firehall and Shift

### nspections By Hall



- This is the total # of Firehall inspections performed to date .
- Firehalls started to do inspections in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February, so this is about 7 months of data.
- 7,427/7 months equals around 1,000- 1,100 inspections per months. This is about where we should be although there is always room for improvement.
- We are over double the number of Firehall inspections from this time last year although last year was not a full year as we know due to COVID

- The Numbers below are from 2021, so 2022 is shaping up to be a better year for Firehall inspections.

# of inspections records  
7,427

Summary

Hall	Shift (2020 and ...				
	A Shift	B Shift	C Shift	D Shift	Other
01	81	40	40	70	3
02	-	-	-	-	3
03	-	122	104	18	183
04	-	123	132	7	266
05	121	78	94	57	-
06	101	66	108	115	1
07	102	66	86	84	6
08	111	4	58	94	6
09	-	133	124	-	260
10	45	26	8	9	-
12	21	133	74	-	234
13	114	136	141	117	8
14	134	124	112	111	9
15	128	131	61	93	2
17	103	78	73	113	2
18	96	86	82	78	-

\* for halls 3, 4, 9 and 12 will need to manually adjust as they have 6 sections (D Shift becomes C Shift and Other becomes D Shift)



## VAF INS - Completed by Firehall and Shift

Year-Month

2022-9

2022-8

2022-7

Shift (2020 and After)

A Shift

B Shift

C Shift

Hall

01

02

03

Inspector

Hall Staff

Inspector

First or Re-inspection

First Inspection

Re-Inspection

FPO District Pick List

District Above 16

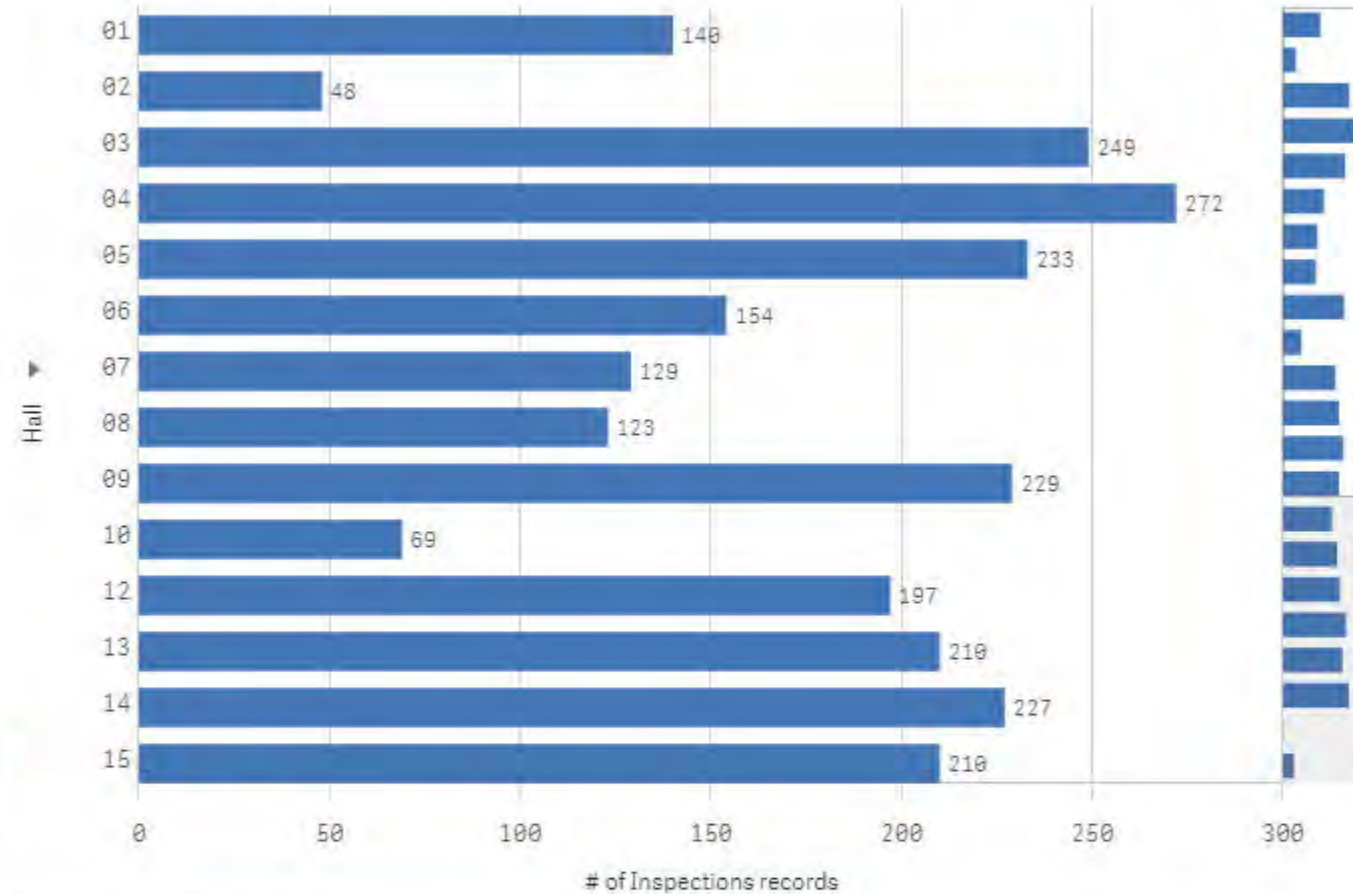
District Below 16

Pending

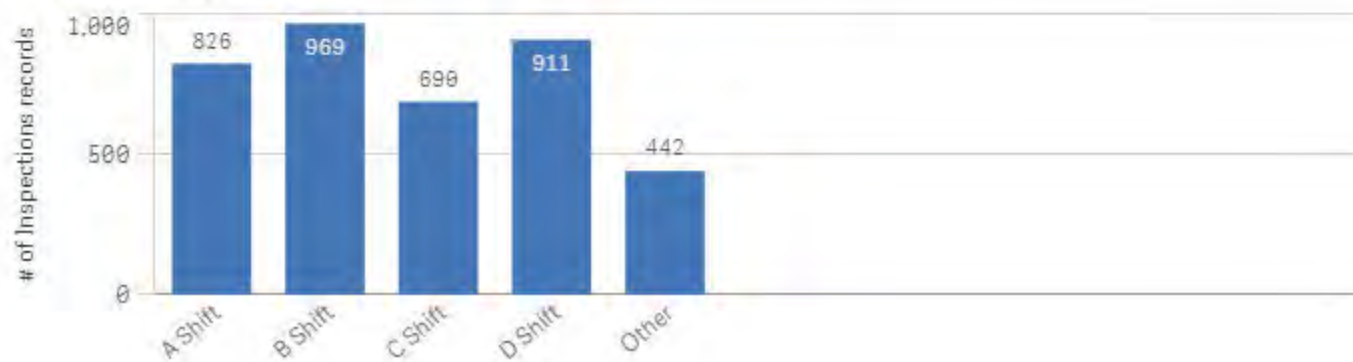
Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory

### Inspections By Hall



### Inspections By Shift



### Summary

Hall

Shift (2020 and ...

A Shift

B Shift

01

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03

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### Pivot Table

Person

# of Inspections records

Abbrusci, John

11

Abrams, Wesley

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Aitken, Ewart

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Ajina, Mosab

8

Anderson, Bob

11



- We will easily beat our numbers from last year. I would like to hit 20,000 inspections but we might not quite get there.
- Firehalls do around 1,100 per month and FPO around 500. So it is entirely possible that we could add another 6,000 to the 13,585 and hit close to 20,000 inspections for the year which would be pretty good all things considered. Staffing levels and staff redirected to the Hastings Encampment for instance.



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**Subject:** Crew fire inspections

Hi Dave  
Wondering how our crews are doing on their fire inspections?



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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Boone, David](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 1:10:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image004.png](#)  
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Yes, absolutely. I am on a meeting about it right now. I will forward you a map ASAP.



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**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 1:09 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

Hello Chief Meers,

I believe some of the work relating to erecting blue fencing to keep areas in front of unoccupied building entrances clear has started. If not, I imagine it will very soon.

Are we able to obtain a list of addresses of occupancies on E. Hastings that will have blue fencing erected in front of entrances and/or FDC's. I thought it might be of value to keep our Suppression crews informed of the initiative and fact there will be a section with chains/ lock that can be cut off should they require access.

Thanks,

Dave

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**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:12 AM

**To:** Jasper, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>;

Boone, David <[David.Boone@vancouver.ca](mailto:David.Boone@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

Thank you Kirsten, I would think 36" would allow for an ambulance cot and enough clearance for equipment to pass through. This would not have to occur between each one but perhaps 8 openings over the 85M?

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**Subject:** RE: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

Much appreciated, Rob. If there is a spacing you would prefer, pls advise so we can calculate linear feet of barricades required and adjust our order appropriately.

Many thanks!

Kirsten

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**From:** Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:01 AM

**To:** Jasper, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Boone, David <[David.Boone@vancouver.ca](mailto:David.Boone@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

Thank you Kirsten,

From the picture it appears that small gaps would be between the barricades, this would allow access points for staff and equipment. With this in place, I don't see any issues from my perspective.

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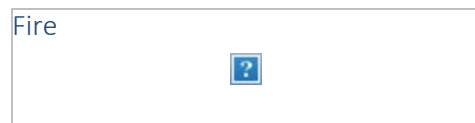
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**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 9:50 AM

**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>; Boone, David <[David.Boone@vancouver.ca](mailto:David.Boone@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

Hi all. Just wanting to ensure you are all aware and have seen the TMP for the 52-92 E. Hastings lane closure. This is required to create the sidewalk diversion needed for ITC construction to build the hoarding and breezeway. **s.13(1)**

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Need to know if VFRS is aware and ok with this plan and if there are any requirements from your point of view in terms of placement/materials, please let me know. This is going to be installed on Friday.

VPD has been advised and via Don Chapman and EOPS, and they have the TMP. No issues indicated

from their view.

Thanks

KJ

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**From:** Jasper, Kirsten

**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2022 8:04 AM

**To:** CHAPMAN, Don <[don.chapman@vpd.ca](mailto:don.chapman@vpd.ca)>

**Subject:** Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

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**To:** [Jasper, Kirsten](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 10:41:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Kirsten,

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**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 10:32 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Fencing and bldg protection - Hastings

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Cheers

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [McDermott, Jonathan](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fencing configuration and layout  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 11:16:20 AM

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Let's see if Chief Renning can make it.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2022, at 11:08 AM, McDermott, Jonathan  
<Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hey Dave

Can you send someone else or would you like me to try to reschedule?

Thanks

Jon

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

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

**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:37 AM

**To:** McDermott, Jonathan

**Subject:** Declined: Fencing configuration and layout

**When:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 1:00 PM-1:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time  
(US & Canada).

**Where:** Onsite - Front of Regent 160 E Hastings

**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Short, Chris](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Extinguisher Training for Block Fire Captains of Hastings Tent Encampment  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:31:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Vince Tao [vince@vandu.org](mailto:vince@vandu.org)

Here you go.

Thanks Captain Short.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Extinguisher Training for Block Fire Captains of Hastings Tent Encampment

Hello Chief Meers

Please forward the contact information.

Thanks

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** September 6, 2022 12:02 PM

**To:** Short, Chris <[chris.short@vancouver.ca](mailto:chris.short@vancouver.ca)>; Craig, Christian <[Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca)>

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**Sent:** September 2, 2022 03:08 PM  
**To:** Short, Chris <[chris.short@vancouver.ca](mailto:chris.short@vancouver.ca)>; Craig, Christian <[Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christian.Craig@vancouver.ca)>  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Zak, MaryClare](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:28:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Sounds good MaryClare . Thanks

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2022, at 10:23 AM, Zak, MaryClare <MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi Dave – appreciate your kind support, thank you! I had a break last week (hiking up north w/friends) which was a much needed reprieve. I also recognize its been hard on your team as well.

I recall that Tara went out and purchased these. She's with OPS, so it could come from there or VANDU could purchase.

I can write to both to make sure these are purchased out of the funding we provide and c.c. you in.

mc

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**From:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:11 AM  
**To:** Zak, MaryClare <MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment

Hi MaryClare,

I hope you are holding up ok. This has been a pretty stressful time for lots of folks but I often think it is particularly hard on you.

I have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the Block Fire Captains and Hamish was mentioning that they could use a few more portable fire extinguishers on the street. The extra ones that are in the adjacent buildings were provided by BC Housing, but do

you know where the ones came from for the Block Fire Captains? Hamish thought it was VFRS but I think this was unlikely. I am hoping you may know the source.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:07 AM

**To:** 'Cluny MacPherson' <[cmacpther@bchousing.org](mailto:cmacpther@bchousing.org)>; Will Valenciano <[wvalenci@bchousing.org](mailto:wvalenci@bchousing.org)>

**Subject:** RE: Fire Extinguishers for Hastings Encampment

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**Sent:** August 31, 2022 2:04 PM



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[External]

Hi Will and Cluny,

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When the Hastings Encampment was in its early stages there were some extinguishers given out to some of the folks in the tents and there was some extinguisher training provided to the "Block Fire Captains". I re-engaged with some of the Community Advocates on this issue as I wanted to ensure that they still had people in place and extinguishers available. I am going to have a meeting with them this Friday and go over their roles and expectations. They were mentioning that they could use 2 or 3 more extinguishers. I believe that these were given out originally by BC Housing and wanted to see what the chances would be of getting some more. I am not sure where the other ones are that were originally given out but I could ask them how many are currently in place. Any assistance you could give me with this would be much appreciated.

Thanks very much,

Fire

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**Subject:** Re: Fire Prevention Lt. position number 50003826  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 7:32:45 PM

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That's amazing!

Dave

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On Sep 14, 2022, at 3:38 PM, Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Step 2 & 3 Finance approved and eCaf complete!!!

Now the hard part, HR...

I will keep you posted !

I think I may know by end of day tomorrow!

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**Cc:** "Renning, Rob" <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>, "Kapoor, Sarah" <Sarah.Kapoor@vancouver.ca>, "Sandhu, Gurdip" <Gurdip.Sandhu@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Prevention Lt. position number 50003826

Hi Kiran

No issue from my end. I will approve the eCAF when it comes.

Thanks

Hien

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**From:** Marohn, Kiran <kiran.marohn@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 1:34 PM  
**To:** Chu, Hien <Hien.Chu@vancouver.ca>; Au, Eunice <Eunice.Au@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>; Kapoor, Sarah <Sarah.Kapoor@vancouver.ca>; Sandhu, Gurdip <Gurdip.Sandhu@vancouver.ca>  
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Thanks,

Kiran

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## **Fire Prevention Captain of Special Projects and Hazards**

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As Captain of Fire Prevention (FPO), you are expected to provide expertise, leadership, coaching, guidance and mentoring to direct reports, other Fire Inspectors, seconded staff, modified and graduated return to work staff. The Fire Prevention Captain (FPO) is responsible for enforcement and administration of the B.C. Fire Code, City of Vancouver Fire Bylaw, B.C. Fire Services Act, and all applicable codes and standards and may work in a variety of Fire Prevention Portfolios as assigned.

The Fire Prevention Captain is expected to monitor the ongoing performance of staff under his/her charge and set clear work objectives and goals as determined by the Deputy Chief's Office. The successful applicant will be assigned to lead functional groups within the Fire Prevention Division to address the specific operational requirements and special hazards or areas of Fire Prevention Concerns

As Captain of a functional group you are expected to provide guidance and supervision to staff including technical expertise within each function. You will have a complete working knowledge of all Fire Prevention Captain functional groups and possess the ability to provide technical expertise in the administration of the appropriate codes and standards. Fire Prevention Captains may have their functional responsibilities changed at the direction of the Deputy Chief Office. As outlined in the Collective Agreement, you may be required to alter your work schedule to meet operational requirements.

### **Captain Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Supervise and coordinate work on fire Safety with City of Vancouver Partners and stakeholders on City Encampments and displaced individuals that are unhoused.
- Supervise and coordinate work on fire Safety with City of Vancouver Partners and stakeholders on the Vancouver Harbour, River districts and industrial locations within the City of Vancouver.
- Supervise, coordinate, and/or conduct Class B Care and Hospital facilities inspections to ensure these are inspected on an annual basis.
- Supervise and coordinate with VCH and UBC research teams and VFRS HART inspector on the HART team inspection program, and assist with written orders as required, (Attend meetings as required).

- Supervise, coordinate, and/or conduct inspections for special project initiatives as these arise at the direction of AC's of Fire Prevention, including Standpipe maintenance and others as assigned such as; exterior means of egress engineer reports and approvals etc.
- Supervise/Coordinate Entertainment district and after hour (Night) Inspections for assemblies, movie shoots and others fire risks that require after hour or weekend inspections including Arenas, recreation centers and large assembly locations.
- Supervise and mentor inspectors assigned to portfolio for inspection districts
- Daily check of complaints and 311 associated to this portfolio or as assigned
- Assist with the City of Vancouver Disaster staging Areas(DSA) as required
- Plan reviews for compliance with BC Building Code and BC Fire Code
- Construction fire safety plan review for buildings of combustible construction over 4 storeys in height
- Pre-construction meetings and construction inspections
- Special event permits and site visits when required
- Open air burn and explosives, fireworks permits
- Occupant load permits
- Special occasion licences plan check and issuance of permits
- Trip tests of kitchen suppression systems
- Demonstration test of building fire protection systems
- Final inspections of buildings and tenant improvements
- Business license inspections
- QA of inspection reports in FDM
- Work closely with Assistant Chiefs of Prevention
- Work closely City of Vancouver Partners and stakeholders as required including Vancouver Coastal Health
- Public enquiries
- Prosecution of files as deemed appropriate
- General office business operation
- Assist other Captains and Officer teams as assigned by AC's of Prevention.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Completion of three (3) consecutive years in the Fire Prevention Division within the last 5 years
- Minimum 10 years' experience in the VFRS fire Service
- Successful completion of the Fire Prevention Inspector, NFPA level 1 or equivalent
- Demonstrated competency with computer programs utilized by the Fire Prevention Division

**Successful completion of all courses identified for the role of Captain as outlined in the 2022 Training and Education matrix included but not limited to the following:**

- Active Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner
- FO1/FO2 or equivalent supervisor skills training
- DSA Level 1 and Level 2 training □ ICS 100/200 training
- Successful completion of NFPA 1035 Fire and Life Safety Educator and NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor
- Success completion of the BC Building Code
- Extensive knowledge of BC Fire Code, and Vancouver Fire Bylaw, NFPA Standards and applicable regulations
- Extensive knowledge of the Fire Services Act, and City of Vancouver Building Bylaw,
- Successful Completion of B.C. Building Code , Part 3
- Demonstrated ability with fostering a Respectful workplace culture within VFRS
- Previous supervisory experience in the fire service
- Extensive Knowledge of the current Fire Prevention Office disciplines.
- Successful completion of N.F.P.A. Plans Review certification or equivalent knowledge and experience to perform occupancy calculations
- Pyrotechnics/display AHJ certification or equivalent certified/recertified within the last 3 years
- The training and ability to issue MTI or prosecute under the Fire By-Laws

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Successful completion of N.F.P.A Plans review certification
- Supervisory experience as a V

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Awesome!

Dave

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On Sep 15, 2022, at 2:37 PM, Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca> wrote:

We got another Approval... one more to go and it is a done deal

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<rob.renning@vancouver.ca> wrote:

We have been trying to do this for years, it is a perfect opportunity for us  
to strike!

Fingers crossed, we aren't there yet

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**To:** [Hesse, Bradley](#)  
**Cc:** [Lemire, Celene](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FPO's on Hastings  
**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:40:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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AC Hesse,

Thanks for your email on this. My apologies for the late reply. Thank you and DC Lemire also for taking the time to attend the Hastings Tent Encampment with our staff and see and hear first hand some of the challenges of performing this important work. Your idea of a more formalized recording of the verbal insults and safety issues faced by our staff attending this site is a good one.

Although this is being done in the form of an email sent to myself and DC Renning, perhaps there is a means of reporting this through the EOC Operations structure as a more formalized report. I will speak with Laurence Beatch, the Director of Organizational Health and Safety who is now embedded in the EOC and see what our options are. Thanks for mentioning this.

By the way, our staff will be joining the Park Rangers on October 11<sup>th</sup> to take part in a Violence Prevention Workshop. This training should help to give them more strategies to deal with difficult situations faced by our staff in the DTES as well as tent encampments.

Best Regards,

Fire



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**From:** Hesse, Bradley <Bradley.Hesse@vancouver.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 9:26 PM

**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Lemire, Celene <Celene.Lemire@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** FPO's on Hastings

Chief Meers,

Chief Lemire and myself visited with your members Owen Hart and Katherine Cornelius today. We had a great conversation with them as they showed us around the area and shared some of their concerns and difficulties. Owen talked about the many incidents of verbal threats, and the multiple cases of weapons, both seen and reported to them. Of which we know you are all too aware of unfortunately. We talked about compiling daily reports of the dangerous situations and acts of aggression encountered by your members. Chief Lemire and myself felt these records may be useful to your team, and Chief Fry in the future. Our initial thought is they would send an email or fill a basic form at the end of the day stating things like verbal threats, hazards to their safety, reports or sightings of weapons, etc. I know we all agree they should not have to deal with this as part of their job. Our hope is, if this list shows a large amount of consistent incidents, it may help to drive change on enforcement, and keep your members safer. What are your thoughts on this?

(side note)..I have worked a little with Owen when he was in the Firehall, and have spoken with Katherine before, and they both seem like stand up individuals. Good representatives to have down there.

Brad Hesse ([he/him/his](#))

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**To:** "Meers, Dave" <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Date:** 9/8/2022 2:31:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

Agreed,  
We have no issues as these are all abandoned or boarded up locations with no one inside. They need to loop in corporate security on this as they are responsible for the security of these.

As well as confirming with VPD

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On Sep 8, 2022, at 14:18, Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

\u-257 ?  
Hi Rob,

What are your thoughts on this? I am not against it but I do recall Don Chapman's opinion on this and he was quite adamant.



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**To:** Jasper, Kirsten <kirsten.jasper@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

Thanks Kirsten,

Let me forward this to Rob and get his thoughts. As I mentioned, I remember being in a meeting with Don Chapman and he was adamant that there not be any temporary fencing installed along Hastings street as it could be used as a weapon in a protest or civil unrest situation. I'll get back to you soon on this.



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Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:03 PM

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

Subject: Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

Importance: High

Hi Dave. Hoping you can discuss with Rob today to let me know if any of the below is a show-stopper or if we can proceed with a plan for strategic placement of fencing to protect these locations in a way that reduces the primary fire risk and doesn't unduly increase other public safety risks (i.e. VPD concerns). ENG will still have to manage the space as they would everywhere else in terms of congestion and accessibility. LMK if you have any pressing concerns or are ok to move ahead with some planning/discussion tomorrow afternoon.

**Regent Hotel @ 160 E. Hastings**

- Require fencing to keep 3 emergency exits and FDC clear. Fencing also required to allow REFM to remove broken glass and board windows for fire safety
- We can start with partial fencing where space is clear and expand as able *may be able to begin as early as today.*
- **Needs to be done ASAP**, and will require some additional support to assist Melody and Francesca in transitioning ++ belongings into storage
- If there is any accelerated housing that can be arranged for Melody &/or Francesca, hoping we can explore

**Balmoral Hotel – 159 E. Hastings**

- Require re-installation of fencing in front of building for fire safety purposes
- Fencing was in place prior to removal of sign but for some reason has not been reinstalled or kept in place
- Needs to be done ASAP, this should be fairly easy to implement given current conditions re: congestion
- **Target date next Weds, Sept 14 or sooner**
- There is one individual that has been sheltering in the alcove here who will potentially require some additional outreach/info and support

**126 E. Hastings**

- Vacant bldg. immediately adjacent and to the east of the garden, N. site 100 block
- Required for fire protection purposes
- **Needs to be done ASAP**
- Outreach will know current status of any people sheltering in this area. Additional engagement/supports may be required.

**52-92 E. Hastings (Aboriginal Land Trust)**

- Lane closure and fencing required to allow ITC Construction to install hoarding and sidewalk breezeway
- ALT and AFD have agreed to lead communication to individuals sheltering in this area re: project and what people are being asked to do.



- Outreach knows who is sheltering here and timeline for any housing. These folks may need additional supports to relocate temporarily or perhaps something can be expedited for them?
- Enhanced communication and outreach needs to start here early next week.
- **Lane closure, TMP and fencing will need to be installed Sept. 16**

KJ

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**Kirsten Jasper** (she/hers)

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**Date:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 3:32:00 PM  
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Happy to help. Talk soon,

Dave

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**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

Awesome thanks so much Dave (and Rob). I'll go ahead with a meeting tomorrow afternoon that will include REFM, ENG, CPS, VFRS, ACCS and BCH to run through all of this for awareness and sequencing etc.

More to discuss tomorrow.

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2022 3:14 PM  
**To:** Jasper, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

Hi Kirsten,

Rob has no concerns. See his attached email. I am fine with it as well. I also just saw your more recent email and I think that you are right, VPD was concerned about fencing being in place immediately prior to a Phase 2 Operation. If they still feel strongly about this, we could always have the fencing removed prior to the start of Phase 2.

Rob did mention the importance of letting Corporate Security know about this plan as there is a security guard stationed outside of the Balmoral that is doing Fire Watch on both it and The Regent. They will need to have access to the front doors in case of an alarm activation.

Thanks Kirsten.



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Thanks Dave. Yes VPD always insists on this but on the balance of things I think the risk of fire is higher than civil unrest, esp. if we keep working in the way we are. I think it may come down to VFRS recommending or asking for this if VPD is resistant.. but honestly, strategic placement seems prudent. Regent is required to protect folks from fall hazards related to REFM boarding windows. ALT is required for the hoarding work. Balmoral had fencing so presumably it wasn't a problem before.. we should reinstall it. That leaves 126 E. Hastings.

Image of the locations is below. Note that the rectangular fence for ALT is to protect the future breezeway and the blue lines indicate the sidewalk diversion. For your discussion with Rob. Also happy to join a call if needed with you 2.

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2022 2:18 PM  
**To:** Jasper, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

Thanks Kirsten,

Let me forward this to Rob and get his thoughts. As I mentioned, I remember being in a meeting with Don Chapman and he was adamant that there not be any temporary fencing installed along Hastings street as it could be used as a weapon in a protest or civil unrest situation. I'll get back to you soon on this.

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**From:** Jasper, Kirsten <[Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Jasper@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:03 PM

**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** Hastings - construction fencing and building protections

**Importance:** High

Hi Dave. Hoping you can discuss with Rob today to let me know if any of the below is a show-stopper or if we can proceed with a plan for strategic placement of fencing to protect these locations in a way that reduces the primary fire risk and doesn't unduly increase other public safety risks (i.e. VPD concerns). ENG will still have to manage the space as they would everywhere else in terms of congestion and accessibility. LMK if you have any pressing concerns or are ok to move ahead with some planning/discussion tomorrow afternoon.

**Regent Hotel – 160 E. Hastings**

- Require fencing to keep 3 emergency exits and FDC clear. Fencing also required to allow REFM to remove broken glass and board windows for fire safety
- We can start with partial fencing where space is clear and expand as able – *may be able to begin as early as today.*
- **Needs to be done ASAP**, and will require some additional support to assist Melody and Francesca in transitioning ++ belongings into storage
- If there is any accelerated housing that can be arranged for Melody &/or Francesca, hoping we can explore

**Balmoral Hotel – 159 E. Hastings**

- Require re-installation of fencing in front of building for fire safety purposes
- Fencing was in place prior to removal of sign but for some reason has not been reinstalled or kept in place
- Needs to be done ASAP, this should be fairly easy to implement given current conditions re: congestion
- **Target date next Weds, Sept 14 or sooner**
- There is one individual that has been sheltering in the alcove here who will potentially

require some additional outreach/info and support

#### **126 E. Hastings**

- Vacant bldg. immediately adjacent and to the east of the garden, N. site 100 block
- Required for fire protection purposes
- **Needs to be done ASAP**
- Outreach will know current status of any people sheltering in this area. Additional engagement/supports may be required.

#### **52-92 E. Hastings (Aboriginal Land Trust)**

- Lane closure and fencing required to allow ITC Construction to install hoarding and sidewalk breezeway
- ALT and AFD have agreed to lead communication to individuals sheltering in this area re: project and what people are being asked to do.
- Outreach knows who is sheltering here and timeline for any housing. These folks may need additional supports to relocate temporarily or perhaps something can be expedited for them?
- Enhanced communication and outreach needs to start here early next week.
- **Lane closure, TMP and fencing will need to be installed Sept. 16**

KJ

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [McDermott, Jonathan](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Hastings 09.21.22  
**Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 6:26:55 PM  
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Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks  
Jon

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 8:55 AM  
**To:** McDermott, Jonathan <[Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jonathan.McDermott@vancouver.ca)>; Hogan, Paul (eng) <[Paul.Hogan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Paul.Hogan@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>; Zupan, Mike <[mike.zupan@vancouver.ca](mailto:mike.zupan@vancouver.ca)>  
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**Cc:** Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>; Zupan, Mike <[mike.zupan@vancouver.ca](mailto:mike.zupan@vancouver.ca)>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:15 PM  
**To:** Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain <[s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#)>; Lee, Jay <[Jay.Lee@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jay.Lee@vancouver.ca)>; Thuss, Fraser <[Fraser.Thuss@vancouver.ca](mailto:Fraser.Thuss@vancouver.ca)>; Liu, Nicholas <[nicholas.liu@vancouver.ca](mailto:nicholas.liu@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Hastings 09.21.22

Hello Chief Renning,

Please see attached photos of the most concerning tents.

57 E Hastings  
134 E Hastings  
144 E Hastings  
146 E Hastings  
148 E Hastings  
319 Main Street  
40 E Hastings – Propane heater inside tent.

Inspector J.Lee, N.Liu and I met with Chief Fry and Connelly this afternoon to do a walk through of the problem areas along Hastings. I felt that they expected more progress than what was currently present. They took pictures and asked questions about certain areas. They showed interest in the challenges we face on a daily basis.

Also please note Fraser Thuss and I were called “f\_\_\_\_\_ng pansies” by a resident of the DTES.

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**To:** [Jasper, Kirsten](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings fencing map  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 2:46:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks very much Kirsten!



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**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** Hurford, Dianna <Dianna.Hurford@vancouver.ca>; Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings fencing map

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Hart, Owen](#); [Wolf, Naomi](#); [Thuss, Fraser](#); [Price, Fraser](#)  
**Bcc:** [Fry, Karen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings report Sept 9  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 3:44:00 PM  
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Thanks very much Captain Lee.



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**To:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>; Wolf, Naomi <naomi.wolf@vancouver.ca>; Thuss, Fraser <Fraser.Thuss@vancouver.ca>; Price, Fraser <Fraser.Price@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings report Sept 9

Attn: Chief Renning,

Report for Hastings for September 9, 2022.

- Access doors to regent are clear and FDC is clear and fenced off (see photo)
- Report of squatters inside Regent may have been a false report, no signs of squatters or breach.
- Fire at 12 E Hastings today and fire crews had to work around the tents (see photos)
- 35 E Hastings egress door blocked.

- 65 E Hastings egress doors still blocked.

Thank you.

**Cliff Lee,** LAFC 2849

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**Cc:** [Hart, Owen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings Sept 1 update  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:41:00 PM  
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That is really gross Cliff. I am really hoping that that was not the case. If it was, I am truly sorry that it happened. Thanks for the update.

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:14 PM  
**To:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings Sept 1 update

Attn: Chief Renning,

Today's progress report for Hastings st.

- Regent, 2 out of 3 doors and FDC is obstructed again
- Regent FDC is now identified with red spray paint above the FDC
- 139 E Hastings, (insite Building) FDC is obstructed again
- Slow over all progress
- Some visible improvement on random scattered junk and debris throughout sidewalks
- Verbal insults from 2 people (most likely residents of neighborhood) in the afternoon at E Hastings and Columbia corner



- FDC locations are now being identified and marked with red spray paint on the sidewalk in front of FDC

Also, upon further evaluation and consideration, yesterday mornings bird poop incident on my head was more likely spit from the SRO at 25 E Hastings. (Bird poop is usually a mixture of clear liquid and green slime and white slime and black slime with some gritty texture), yesterdays substance on my head was only a clear and slimy wet substance and lacked any gritty texture. Witnessed by Owen and felt by my hand.

Thank you.

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**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Hart, Owen](#); [Lee, Cliff](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings ST. update  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:10:00 PM  
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Thanks Guys!

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**To:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>; Lee, Cliff <Cliff.Lee@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings ST. update

Attn: Chief Renning,

Here are some updates for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, Hastings tent city.

- Regent access is **still** 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 no luck. More enforcement is needed.
- Emergency exit door at 65 E Hastings is **now clear**, bikes, bike parts and chairs and tent removed!
- Spoke with manager of the Persopolis Hotel re: means of egress Insp. Hart to follow up with

MTI/Chiefs order.

- Progress is slow.
- Some more street cleaning and sweeping was conducted.

Please see attached photos of the front of The Regent and Persopolis, photos are from this morning.

Thank you.

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**To:** [Herbert, Chris](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings Tent Fire  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:38:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [FW Tent Fire 432 E Hastings .msg](#)  
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All done. I will make sure I let the Chief or acting Chief know in the future. All Good.

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**From:** Herbert, Chris <chris.herbert@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>; Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings Tent Fire

Hi Rob & Dave,

I drew the short straw and am filling in for Chief Fry this week while she is away. She has already texted me in a panic to ensure that someone updates the EOC about a tent fire on Hastings Street this morning?? She mentioned this something that Prevention does, is that correct? I was not even aware there was a tent fire on Hastings Street this morning?? Please let me know what you if anything you need from me or what you need me to do?

Thanks,  
Chris

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["Stevens, Daniel" <Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca)  
**Date:** 9/13/2022 10:15:09 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Tent Fire 432 E Hastings

FYI

Tent fire this morning at Hastings Tent Encampment.



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**From:** VFRS Fire Investigations s.15(1)(l)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Connelly, Trevor <trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Tent Fire 432 E Hastings

Chiefs,

This morning Engine 1 responded for a Tent Fire in front of 432 E Hastings.

VFRS # 22-0046397

VAINV73 responded.

Minor damage as cracked glass at front of business address.



Tent and camp materials suffered extensive damage.

No witnesses or persons present at time of investigation.

No cause identified, drug paraphernalia throughout including cooker cups.

Thank you,

Captain Jamie Robertson MIAAI-FIT, CFEI  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Cornelius, Katherine](#); [Hart, Owen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings update for Thursday September 22/2022  
**Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 4:32:00 PM  
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**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Cornelius, Katherine <Katherine.Cornelius@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings update for Thursday September 22/2022

Attn: Chief Renning,

Here is an update for September 22, 2022 for Hastings.

Inspector Cornelius attended.

Little to no progress along Hastings today.

Met with Chief Hesse and Lemire. Walked a couple blocks with them. We had conversations about support for Prevention members. Chief Lemire had mentioned joining weekly.

Attended medical call

Fire hall #2 visit – Inquiries regarding when encampment will be dealt with.

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**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Morgan, Dylan](#); [Hart, Owen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings update for Tuesday September 27/2022  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:10:00 PM  
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Thanks Captain Morgan,

I will forward these addresses to COV Engineering.

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**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Morgan, Dylan <Dylan.Morgan@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings update for Tuesday September 27/2022

Attn: Chief Renning,

Here is an update for September 27, 2022 for Hastings.

Owen Hart and I attended.

9 E Hastings increase in items in front of exit doors.

57 E Hastings increase in bike parts

73 E Hastings blocked exits by multiple motorized scooters.

199 E Hastings pop up tent canopy that was removed last week is now back.

More tents appearing on side streets adjacent Hastings street.

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**To:** [Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Hart, Owen](#); [Price, Fraser](#); [Thuss, Fraser](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hastings update fore September 12, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 4:38:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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Thanks very much Captain Lee.



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**From:** Fire Prev. Problem Building Captain **s.15(1)(l)**  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Hart, Owen <Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca>; Price, Fraser <Fraser.Price@vancouver.ca>; Thuss, Fraser <Fraser.Thuss@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Hastings update fore September 12, 2022

Attn: Chief Renning,

Update for Hastings street for September 12, 2022.

- Egress door at 65 E Hastings is still blocked, and propane tank against building.
- Regents improvements from last week is still being maintained.
- FDC at 41 E Hastings is blocked by tents and fencing. This location has 2 FDC locations, east and west side of building. West side FDC is OK.
- Overall improvements throughout Hastings.
- Density of tents and structures and storage is reducing.
- 300 Block of Main street was dealt with today and access and egress doors and FDC access



has been achieved.

- City crews are reporting that there are people saying they will not be moving from their tents unless they get taken away by police.

Thank you.

**Cliff Lee,** LAFC 2849

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

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Hastings  
**Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:22:05 PM

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What should I do about this? It is nice of her to ask but I am trying to think about what her role would be...

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 22, 2022, at 10:52 AM, Lemire, Celene <Celene.Lemire@vancouver.ca> wrote:

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> Chief Meers

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> I would like to support your team, if you would be willing to allow me, and spend some shifts working with your FPOs.

> I propose to spend full days with them, acting however they direct.

> I would like to do more and will make the time. Can we chat about this?

>

> Chief Lemire

**From:** [Baker, Sue](#)  
**To:** [Singh, Sandra](#); [Zak, MaryClare](#); [Scollard, Taryn](#); [Zupan, Mike](#); [Mauboules, Celine](#); [Melles, Bruk](#); [Moss, Bob](#); [Carmen Hall](#); [Will Valenciano](#); [Maria Rodrigo](#); [Renning, Rob](#); [Meers, Dave](#); [Nicole O'Connor](#); [Etherington, Caitlin \[VCH\]](#); [Tran, Tan](#); [Partridge, Stephane \[VCH\]](#); [Lepps, Betty](#); [hglazebrook@bchousing.org](#); [hhartman@bchousing.org](#); [sallen@bchousing.org](#); [Fry, Karen](#); [BES.DOBRECI@vpd.ca](#); [ALLEN, Decker](#); [MacGregor, Adam](#); [Ash, Randy \(VCH\)](#); [Taki, Richard \(VCH\)](#); [Parker, Lisa](#); [Sidwell, Amy](#); [Domes, Krystyna](#); [Lam, Phoenix](#); [Hurford, Dianna](#); [Shamess, Albert](#); [Holliday, Elizabeth \[VC\]](#) ([Elizabeth.Holliday@vch.ca](#)); [Henselmann, Branislav](#); [Rosa, Donnie](#); [Guerette, Jeannine](#); [Emma Talbott](#); [LaClaire, Lon](#); [Ali, Shabna](#); [Magnusson, Rachel](#); [Kristen.Farguharson@vch.ca](#); [Trudeau, Matthew](#); [LEE, Rich](#)  
**Cc:** [McElroy, Jeremy](#); [Baker, Sue](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Morning check in minutes Tuesday, July 26 -00 block-300 block Hastings  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 27, 2022 7:46:10 AM  
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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.

### 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 Shamess, 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

### 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

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

- ;❏ Working with contractor to install new APT

### **4. Meal Programming**

- ;❏ No update today

### **5. VANDU**

- ;❏ No update today

### **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

### **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

## 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

## 8. Aboriginal Land Trust Development

- ☐ No update today

## 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

### 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**

## Sue Baker | Manager, Homelessness Response Coordination

Housing & Homelessness Services | City of Vancouver

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**From:** Baker, Sue <Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca>

**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 2:18 PM

**To:** Singh, Sandra <Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>; Zak, MaryClare <MaryClare.Zak@vancouver.ca>; Scollard, Taryn <taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca>; Zupan, Mike <mike.zupan@vancouver.ca>; Mauboules, Celine <celine.mauboules@vancouver.ca>; Melles, Bruk <Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca>; Moss, Bob <bob.moss@vancouver.ca>; Carmen Hall <chall@bchousing.org>; Will Valenciano <wvalenci@bchousing.org>; Maria Rodrigo <mrodrigo@bchousing.org>; Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>; Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Nicole O'Connor <noconnor@bchousing.org>; Etherington, Caitlin [VCH] <Caitlin.Etherington@vch.ca>; Tran, Tan <tan.tran@vpd.ca>; Partridge, Stephane [VCH] <Stephane.Partridge@vch.ca>; Lepps, Betty <Betty.Lepps@vancouver.ca>; hglazebrook@bchousing.org; hhartman@bchousing.org; sallen@bchousing.org; Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>; BES.DOBRECI@vpd.ca; ALLEN, Decker <Decker.ALLEN@vpd.ca>; MacGregor, Adam <adam.macgregor@vpd.ca>; Ash, Randy (VCH) <Randy.ash@vch.ca>; Taki, Richard (VCH) <richard.taki@vch.ca>; Parker, Lisa

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

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

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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- COV Engineering: Albert Shameess, Mike Zupan, Lisa Parker, Krystyna Domes, Amy Sidwell
- Parks: Betty Lepps, Jeannine Guerette
- VFRS: Karen Fry, Dave Meers
- VPD: Bes Dobreci
- BC Housing: Carmen Hall, Will Valenciano, Henry Glazebrook, Nicole OConnor, Cluny MacPherson, Emma Talbott
- VCH: Steph Partridge, Elizabeth Holliday, Richard Taki, Randy Ash

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
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**
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
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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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Overtime in #1 and 2's District  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 4:06:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Yes,

On Mondays the Office Captain will have the list of inspections, complaints etc.



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**From:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 4:05 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Overtime in #1 and 2's District

Okay, I'm the past we had a folder and assigned the work to ensure we maximized the work. Will the office captain have the inspection list?

Sent from my iPhone

**Rob Renning | Deputy Fire Chief**  
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On Sep 9, 2022, at 16:02, Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

I was going to leave that out intentionally as I state that they are expected to “Work as directed by Capt. Lee”. Just in case they have any reservations.

I will put it in if you feel strongly about it.

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**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 4:00 PM

**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Overtime in #1 and 2's District

Maybe add over time workers may be diverted to Hastings street should the need arise

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On Sep 9, 2022, at 15:56, Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hey Rob,

Is it ok to send this?

Hi Everyone,

Due to the staffing constraints caused by the Hastings Street Tent Encampment as well as general low staffing levels, there will be overtime opportunities for Fire Inspectors in Districts 1 and 2. This will start next week on Mondays and Fridays and will continue until the backlog of complaints, re-inspections and overdue inspections have been caught up. We will be looking for 2 Inspectors Monday and Friday for full shifts to assist with this work. Inspectors will report to Captain Lee for their assignments and work as directed by him. On Mondays, when Captain Lee is on his assigned day off, Staff will report to the Office Captain.

Staff are to reply to the Office Captain who will be tracking the list of members. Overtime will be awarded according to the Fire Prevention Overtime Policy.

Thanks very much,



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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Fire Prev. Office Captain](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Overtime in #1 and 2's District  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:48:00 PM  
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Thanks Patrick. Nice work!

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**From:** Fire Prev. Office Captain <frctl@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:12 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; VFRS Fire Prevention - DL s.15(1)(l)  
**Subject:** RE: Overtime in #1 and 2's District

Hi everyone,

In order to keep track of your requested OT for Dist. 1 and 2, please follow the following roles.

Overtime for Friday will be awarded Tuesday @ 12:00 hrs (for this Friday today @ 14:30hrs)

Overtime for Mondays will be awarded Thursdays @ 12:00 hrs.

Please apply for overtime no more than three weeks in advanced and indicate the dates that you would like to work i.e. September 25 October 3<sup>rd</sup> etc.

This will make it easier to keep track of the OT and ensure everyone has a fare opportunity for OT and will give you a couple of days to plan your work week!

Thanks in advanced!



Patrick Grimminck  
Acting Captain, Community Safety Division  
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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2022 4:09 PM

**To:** VFRS Fire Prevention - DL s.15(1)(l)

**Subject:** FW: Overtime in #1 and 2's District

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Thanks very much,



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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [VFRS Fire Investigations](#); [Connelly, Trevor](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tent Fire 432 E Hastings  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 10:14:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.jpg](#)

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Thanks very much for this information Captain Robertson.

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**From:** VFRS Fire Investigations [s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>; Connelly, Trevor <trevor.connelly@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Tent Fire 432 E Hastings

Chiefs,

This morning Engine 1 responded for a Tent Fire in front of 432 E Hastings.

VFRS # 22-0046397

VAINV73 responded.

Minor damage as cracked glass at front of business address.

Tent and camp materials suffered extensive damage.

No witnesses or persons present at time of investigation.

No cause identified, drug paraphernalia throughout including cooker cups.

Thank you,

Captain Jamie Robertson MIAAI-FIT, CFEI

Fire Investigator / L.A.F.C.

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Trudeau, Matthew](#); [Fry, Karen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tents and Fires this week  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:43:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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Thanks Captain Trudeau.

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**From:** Trudeau, Matthew <Matthew.Trudeau@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:28 AM  
**To:** Fry, Karen <Karen.Fry@vancouver.ca>; Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Tents and Fires this week

Hi Chief's,

Few fire updates this week.

-Tent fire in Crab Park caused by smoker's materials Aug 29th

-Rubbish fire against Astoria yesterday morning Aug 31st. Quick growing fire, large flames on arrival. L2 knocked it down.

-Rubbish/tent fire against 438 E Hastings This morning at 05:22

Thanks,

Matthew Trudeau

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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheung, Rick](#)  
**Subject:** Re: The Fire Prevention Captain of Special Projects and Hazards is responsible for fire prevention inspection and enforcement programs within the City  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 11:58:01 AM  
**Attachments:** [The Fire Prevention Captain of Special Projects and Hazards is responsible for fire prevention inspection and enforcement programs within the City.docx](#)

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Hey Rob

It looks excellent to me. The only thing that comes to mind for me might be some of the recent FPO initiatives around standpipe maintenance and testing as well as maybe something about responsibility for Class B Cares facilities.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2022, at 11:43 AM, Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Please take a look and let me know what you think ASAP



## **Fire Prevention Captain of Special Projects and Hazards**

The Fire Prevention Captain of Special Projects and Hazards is responsible for fire prevention inspection and enforcement programs within the City, the University of British Columbia and the University Endowment Lands. The Fire Prevention Captain works with internal and external agencies; City of Vancouver, Property Use, Building, Vancouver Coastal Health, Architects and code Consultant, BC liquor, Builders and Developers, Special Events Planners, Fire hall Officers and others. The Captain Fire Prevention will work closely with the A/C Fire Protection Engineer to ensure that the Division is continually improving the Vancouver Fire By-Law with interpretive modifications and code changes. The reporting structure is through the AC Fire Prevention to the Deputy Chief Community Safety Division.

As Captain of Fire Prevention (FPO), you are expected to provide expertise, leadership, coaching, guidance and mentoring to direct reports, other Fire Inspectors, seconded staff, modified and graduated return to work staff. The Fire Prevention Captain (FPO) is responsible for enforcement and administration of the B.C. Fire Code, City of Vancouver Fire Bylaw, B.C. Fire Services Act, and all applicable codes and standards and may work in a variety of Fire Prevention Portfolios as assigned.

The Fire Prevention Captain is expected to monitor the ongoing performance of staff under his/her charge and set clear work objectives and goals as determined by the Deputy Chief's Office. The successful applicant will be assigned to lead functional groups within the Fire Prevention Division to address the specific operational requirements and special hazards or areas of Fire Prevention Concerns

As Captain of a functional group you are expected to provide guidance and supervision to staff including technical expertise within each function. You will have a complete working knowledge of all Fire Prevention Captain functional groups and possess the ability to provide technical expertise in the administration of the appropriate codes and standards. Fire Prevention Captains may have their functional responsibilities changed at the direction of the Deputy Chief Office. As outlined in the Collective Agreement, you may be required to alter your work schedule to meet operational requirements.

### **Captain Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Supervise and coordinate work on fire Safety with City of Vancouver Partners and stakeholders on City Encampments and displaced individuals that are unhoused.
- Supervise and coordinate work on fire Safety with City of Vancouver Partners and stakeholders on the Vancouver Harbour, River districts and industrial locations within the City of Vancouver.
- Supervise and mentor inspectors assigned to portfolio for inspection districts
- Supervise, coordinate, and/or conduct Care and Hospital facilities inspections to ensure these are inspected on an annual basis.

- Supervise and coordinate with VCH and UBC research teams and VFRS HART inspector on the HART team inspection program, and assist with written orders as required, (Attend meetings as required).
- Supervise/Coordinate Entertainment district and After hour (Night) Inspections for assemblies, movie shoots and others fire risks that require after hour or weekend inspections including Arenas, recreation centers and large assembly locations.
- Daily check of complaints and 311 associated to this portfolio or as assigned
- Assist with the City of Vancouver Disaster staging Areas(DSA) as required
- Plan reviews for compliance with BC Building Code and BC Fire Code
- Construction fire safety plan review for buildings of combustible construction over 4 storeys in height
- Pre-construction meetings and construction inspections
- Special event permits and site visits when required
- Open air burn and explosives, fireworks permits
- Occupant load permits
- Special occasion licences plan check and issuance of permits
- Trip tests of kitchen suppression systems
- Demonstration test of building fire protection systems
- Final inspections of buildings and tenant improvements
- Business license inspections
- QA of inspection reports in FDM
- Work closely with Assistant Chiefs of Prevention
- Work closely City of Vancouver Partners and stakeholders as required including Vancouver Coastal Health
- Public enquiries
- Prosecution of files as deemed appropriate
- General office business operation

**Required Qualifications:**

- Completion of three (3) consecutive years in the Fire Prevention Division within the last 5 years
- Minimum 10 years' experience in the VFRS fire Service
- Successful completion of the Fire Prevention Inspector, NFPA level 1 or equivalent
- Demonstrated competency with computer programs utilized by the Fire Prevention Division

**Successful completion of all courses identified for the role of Captain as outlined in the 2022 Training and Education matrix included but not limited to the following:**

- Active Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner
- FO1/FO2 or equivalent supervisor skills training
- DSA Level 1 and Level 2 training □ ICS 100/200 training

- Successful completion of NFPA 1035 Fire and Life Safety Educator and NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor
- Success completion of the BC Building Code
- Extensive knowledge of BC Fire Code, and Vancouver Fire Bylaw, NFPA Standards and applicable regulations
- Extensive knowledge of the Fire Services Act, and City of Vancouver Building Bylaw,
- Successful Completion of B.C. Building Code , Part 3
- Demonstrated ability with fostering a Respectful workplace culture within VFRS
- Previous supervisory experience in the fire service
- Extensive Knowledge of the current Fire Prevention Office disciplines.
- Successful completion of N.F.P.A. Plans Review certification or equivalent knowledge and experience to perform occupancy calculations
- Pyrotechnics/display AHJ certification or equivalent certified/recertified within the last 3 years
- The training and ability to issue MTI or prosecute under the Fire By-Laws

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Successful completion of N.F.P.A Plans review certification
- Supervisory experience as a V

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**To:** [McDermott, Jonathan](#)  
**Cc:** [Beech, Jenny](#); [Renning, Rob](#); [Hogan, Paul \(eng\)](#)  
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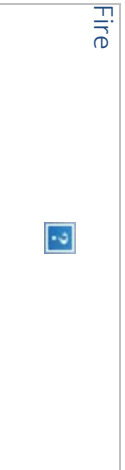
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Hi John,

The list that our team compiled yesterday was just based on their observations from their foot inspections on Hastings street. The “Ten High Priority Locations” that were originally identified by VFRS and Engineering when this operation initially began was based on the situation at that time. There is some alignment with the list of locations provided yesterday and the original list. I understand that this may confuse things as this information is different from the original list.

Maybe a good strategy would be to simply state that although the team has made progress on a number of the original locations identified, and have cleared their access and FDC’s there are still areas that need some attention. A new list has been created which has a number of areas that require some clearing and it has 17 locations that our team needs to focus on.

I have updated the list below. The addresses in red are ones that are on the original list. Let me know if this works and/or makes sense to you. I am happy to have another phone call if need be.



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**Cc:** Beech, Jenny <Jenny.Beech@vancouver.ca>; HOGAN, Paul <paul.hogan@vpd.ca>; Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>

**Subject:** Re: Top 10 priority list for Hastings

Hi Dave

Thanks for providing this so quickly!

I just tried to call you to discuss what's been named priority sites on the metrics reporting vs the priority list below. Give me a call when you can.

Jon

Cell s.15(1)(l)

On Sep 9, 2022, at 9:04 AM, Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jenny,

Here is the report from our Fire Inspectors yesterday on the top ten worst locations as they saw it. Hopefully this can be put on the GIS map.

Thanks, I think this is a great initiative.

image002.png



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**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 4:04 PM  
**To:** Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Hart, Owen <[Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca](mailto:Owen.Hart@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Top 10 priority list for Hastings

Attn: Chief Renning,

As per requested, here is a list of the high priority areas for Hastings Street tents. Please keep in mind that things are constantly shifting day to day. Also note, 2 locations off Hastings has also been included.

1. The Regent, access to the front doors and access to front of building in general. Piles of stuff is on the curbside.
2. 57 E. Hastings
3. 65 E Hastings, egress door blocked. 9 storey residential tower. Occupied building with blocked egress door.
4. 123, 123 ½ E. Hastings
5. 6 E. Hastings
6. 40 E Hastings, FDC blocked.
7. 50 E. Hastings
8. 57 E. Hastings
9. 142 E. Hastings
10. 148 E Hastings, access to door blocked.
11. 16 E Hastings, FDC blocked.
12. 139 E Hastings, FDC blocked
13. 7 to 9 E Hastings, access to doors blocked.
14. 265 E Hastings, fire escape drop down ladder is directly above a large tent structure blocking egress access.
15. 58 E Hastings, vacant building. Large amount of combustibles accumulating against building.
16. 237 Main, access doors and egress doors are getting crowded by tents.
17. 351 Columbia, access doors and egress doors are getting crowded by tents.

Thank you.

**Cliff Lee,** LAFC 2849

**Captain, Problem Buildings Team | H.A.R.T**  
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**Cc:** [Zupan, Mike](#); [Vajanto, Laura](#); [Renning, Rob](#); [Jasper, Kirsten](#); [Scollard, Taryn](#); [Henselmann, Branislav](#)  
**Subject:** Re: VFRS assessment along side streets adjacent to Hastings  
**Date:** Saturday, September 3, 2022 7:13:30 AM

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Hi Daniel

I just wanted to let you know that I will not be attending the encampment meetings this weekend as we have no staff members assigned.

I will read the situation reports and stay up to speed on everything though.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2022, at 8:03 PM, Stevens, Daniel <[Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca](mailto:Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Thanks Dave. Greatly appreciated.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2022, at 19:59, Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

No problem Daniel. I will get it done.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2022, at 6:08 PM, Stevens, Daniel <[Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca](mailto:Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

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Laura and I had a quick discussion on this and we both agree we should include these directly adjacent side streets in the scope of our work, even though it may be outside the initial Fire Chief's order. Does this make sense to you?

Also, Mike's teams have been doing some GIS mapping of each structure along Hastings and the nearby side streets which they'll manage and update frequently (hopefully daily). They also have mapped the priority areas Fire has identified to keep clear, but this is only along Hastings. It would be great to include the side streets as well so we can focus efforts and ensure we're aware of and dealing with the risks tents pose around the corner.

So, to summarise, could we have:

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Many thanks!  
Daniel

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**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** RE: VFRS assessment along side streets adjacent to Hastings  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 3:03:00 PM  
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My apologies Daniel,

This is not going to happen today. I will get it done for you by the end of the week though.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 8:46 AM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <dave.meers@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Renning, Rob <rob.renning@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: VFRS assessment along side streets adjacent to Hastings

Thanks!

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 8:06 AM  
**To:** Stevens, Daniel <[Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca](mailto:Daniel.Stevens@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Renning, Rob <[rob.renning@vancouver.ca](mailto:rob.renning@vancouver.ca)>  
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Hi Daniel

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Dave

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**To:** [Chu, Hien](#)  
**Cc:** [Yang, Xiaomeng](#)  
**Subject:** RE: VFRS Forecasting for Hastings Tent Encampment  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 2:48:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Copy of Hastings Encampment-Cost-Time-Tracking VFRS FI V2 \(002\).xlsx](#)  
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Hi Hien,

Here you go! Thanks,

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**Cc:** Yang, Xiaomeng <Xiaomeng.Yang@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: VFRS Forecasting for Hastings Tent Encampment

Hi Dave

Could you please send the updated worksheet with actual hours up to today?

Thanks and have a nice weekend!

Hien

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**From:** Chu, Hien

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:58 PM  
**To:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: VFRS Forecasting for Hastings Tent Encampment

Thanks so much Dave! It was nice to meet you too ☺. I have calculated the forecast till end of September, based on 4 Inspectors during weekdays and 2 during weekends. Please see below and attached file and let me know if you have any question. We will continue to track and update this.



Thanks  
Hien

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**From:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** Chu, Hien <[Hien.Chu@vancouver.ca](mailto:Hien.Chu@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** VFRS Forecasting for Hastings Tent Encampment

Hi Hien,

It was very nice to meet you. Please find the attached excel spreadsheet with our staffing hours and costs to dat. Thanks for your help with this.



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**To:** [Smith, Liam](#); [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Cc:** [Beatch, Laurence](#); [Innes, Eric](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Violence Prevention Training  
**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 1:51:00 PM  
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Hi Liam,

I left you a voicemail today on this subject but just wanted to get back to you with a list of people that VFRS Fire Prevention would like to send to the Violence Prevention Workshop on October 11<sup>th</sup>. They are as follows:

1. Cliff Lee
2. Owen Hart
3. Vanna Dufour
4. Jay Lee
5. Steve Thomas
6. Naomi Wolf
7. Katherine Cornelius

Thanks very much for this opportunity to piggy back on this training. Hopefully you have room to accommodate all of these staff. When you have a moment, please let me know a bit more about the location, start time and location. I can provide you with email addresses of all of these staff if need be if you would like to send them meeting requests as well. Thanks again,

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**Subject:** RE: Violence Prevention Training

Hello Rob,

I discussed with the training facilitator. They are able to accommodate additional persons in the course. It looks like we will be holding the session at VanDusen Gardens, probably in the Floral Hall. If you provide me with the names of your attendees, I can see who we can fit in?

Regards,

**Liam Smith**

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**Cc:** Beatch, Laurence <[Laurence.Beatch@vancouver.ca](mailto:Laurence.Beatch@vancouver.ca)>; Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Violence Prevention Training

Thank you Laurence,

... and Good Morning Liam!

I would love to speak with you on this. We have some new staff in the office with little to no training in this regard and if it is possible to join this training it could only help to strengthen our teams relations. It would be the same staff that your rangers work with on many of these difficult locations. I am also happy to discuss the vests and answer any questions you may have.

Please let me know how best to connect with you on this.

Kind Regards,

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



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**Subject:** Violence Prevention Training

Good morning Liam:

VFRS teams are often working along side the Rangers as well as Engineering as we address encampments. Rob would be interested in some of his team piggybacking the October 11<sup>th</sup> training if there is room. Please can you and Rob connect.

Rob, if there is not room lets find an alternate date for your team.

Liam, on another note, there may be value in you connecting with Rob re VFRS experience with ballistic vests. My understanding is they found wearing the vests was not positive.

Have a good weekend and reach out if I can assist.

Kind regards

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Hi Rob,

I just left a message for Liam and asked him to call me back. I want to know a bit more about this course before I ask for a show of hands from the staff.

- ½ day or full day
- Start and finish times
- How many people they can accommodate

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**Subject:** Re: Violence Prevention Training

Thank you Liam,

We will have this for you by end of day Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

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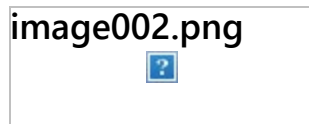
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This is great news. Thanks very much everyone.

AC Meers

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We will have this for you by end of day Monday.

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If there are more spaces available we could squeeze in 1 or 2 more if possible. No problem if this won't work.



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1. Cliff Lee
2. Owen Hart
3. Vanna Dufour
4. Jay Lee
5. Steve Thomas
6. Naomi Wolf
7. Katherine Cornelius

Thanks very much for this opportunity to piggy back on this training. Hopefully you have room to accommodate all of these staff. When you have a moment, please let me know a bit more about the location, start time and location. I can provide you with email addresses of all of these staff if need be if you would like to send them meeting requests as well. Thanks again,





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**Organizer:** Baker, Sue  
**Required Attendees:** LaClaire, Lon; Shamess, Albert; Zupan, Mike; Tran, Tan; BES.DOBRECI@vpd.ca; Sandra Singh (sandra.singh@vancouver.ca); Bruk Melles (Bruk.Melles@vancouver.ca); Meers, Dave; Renning, Rob

Hello all- we have cancelled our regular 8a.m. check in and we are hoping to gather together to discuss further details on implementation of the Hastings plan and timeline.

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#### Public Education Report????

Pub Ed Officers can have a chance to fill us in on the work that they have been doing.

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Corporate Metrics

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- T/O Tweedie

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- Overtime is available in #1 and #2's District on Mondays and Fridays in order to assist Prob. Buildings Team with their backlog of work. It has been organized by Captain Lee. On Mondays see the Office Captain for the assignments. Inspectors must ensure that all FDM entries are complete by the end of the day.
- Risk-based Inspections: Class D inspections are being divided into FPO and Firehall inspections. FPO Class D are mostly High-rise Office buildings and will have an inspection frequency of 365 days. Firehall Class D's are lower risk, low rise occupancies that will now switch to a 1095 day (3 year) inspection frequency. This is a more efficient use of our resources and is a move towards a more risk-based approach to inspections.
- A new NOV form with Fire Watch Procedures and a Fire Watch log attached is being finalized for the Firehalls. There are new translations, some new language around the issuing and posting of orders. We are waiting for an opinion from City Legal on the new language. We hope to be sending this to the printer soon and roll these out to the Firehalls soon.

#### Public Education Report????

Pub Ed Officers can have a chance to fill us in on the work that they have been doing.

- SRO Training, Fire Extinguisher Training for Community Groups in DTES. Video for fire safety in SRO's for Operators and Managers.....

#### Inspections by the Numbers

- As of September 1<sup>st</sup> our combined inspection totals are at 12,973
- 5,182 have been completed by FPO Staff
- 7,791 have been completed by the Firehalls.

- Firehalls are averaging 1100 inspections per month (started 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February)
- FPO averages around 800 per month.
- These are pretty decent numbers considering the late start of the Firehalls and staffing shortages in FPO.
- We should be on track to hit at least 20,000 inspections for the year

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#### Corporate Metrics

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of Inspections Done	21,528	22,260	22,900	21,195	11,379	17,135	12,973
% of Violations	5.7%	9.6%	11.7%	11.8%	16.0%	13.2%	9.6%

#### Training and Workshops Upcoming

- T/O Tweedie



## Tactical Team Meeting - Confidential

TACTICAL TEAM	REPRESENTING
Andrew Wroblewski	Services Centre - DBL
Anne Solyom	Business Support Services - DBL
Celine Mauboules	Homeless Services & Affordable Housing - ACCS
Claire Thompson	Pro-active Enforcement - DBL
Gurv Brar	By-Law Services - COV
Hajer Awatta	Homeless Services & Affordable Housing - ACCS
Koji Miyaji	Community Services - DBL
Leighton Williams	Building Inspections - DBL
Mark McLellan	Property Use Inspections - DBL
Michael Lemon	Vancouver Police Department - VPD
Rob Renning	Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services - VFRS
Dave Meers	Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service-VFRS
Saul Schwebs	Chief Building Official - DBL

Meeting date: Monday, September 12, 2022

Venue WebEx Conference

Absent: Chris Puzio, Cliff Lee, Grant Murray, David Clements

### Meeting Discussion General

- Vacancy Control – Hajer Awatta
  - BC Supreme Court overturned the Vacancy Control Bylaw on August 3, 2022 and ordered all data related to the Bylaw be destroyed
  - City is appealing the ruling and have asked for a temporary stay to keep the data during the appeal process
  - Estimated that the appeal process may take a year or more
  - During appeal process, landlord increases are permissible to the same extent the market allows
  - City is keeping the informational website up with a disclaimer that the Bylaw is currently unenforceable
- Properties being removed from Tactical Team
  - Arco
  - 320 Union Street
  - Cosmo Hotel
  - Flint Residence
- 123 East Hastings (non-SRA) – Rob Renning
  - Property flagged of concern in regards to the encampments on DTES
  - City needs to consider fencing in front of the building and VFRS looking to confirm owners
  - Property vacant with no alarm system, no security
  - Saul has had contact with the owners in past. Owners previously had no plans for building; currently does not meet the threshold for demolition and there is a Heritage component.
  - Accessibility of building creates an unsafe condition and could require the owners to fence
  - Saul to forward contact information for the owners to Rob
  - 109 East Hastings (non-SRA) also of concern regarding the encampments and consideration around fencing.

- Owned by the Sahotas
- **Saul to send owners contact information to Dave/VFRS**

### **SRA properties**

#### Vernon Apts

- Fire escape is still up
  - Adrian/DBI has been following up with BC Housing – BCCS had committed to have it down by the end of August
  - **Saul to discuss escalation with Celine**

#### Murray Hotel

- Building is currently a concern for time associated to resolve violations. Will require close monitoring for immediate future
- Claire and Mark meeting with Atira on Friday re prosecution process

#### New Dodson

- **Celine to get more information regarding the management of the property**
- They would like to convert to micro-suites (71 rooms to 48 micro-suites)
- BC Housing has helped them with funding
- Pending letter follow-up from PUI to obtain necessary permits. Letter scheduled to be sent Sept 12 with November follow-up
- Independent portion of space within building currently being utilized for shelter space

#### Cobalt

- Back alley tent structures for the bar still up; as not connected to SRA tent structure does not need to be further escalated at this time.
- Owners plan to re-develop it into a hotel with discussion on building additional non-market rentals
  - They've had a pre-inquiry meeting with Planning

#### Lucky Lodge

- Noise complaints regarding the renovations
- Complaint from August 21 re renovations will be looked into by DBI
  - **Leighton to follow-up with Adrian**

#### Others

- London Hotel – renovations underway
- Colonial Hotel – no open CFs or recent complaints
- Summer Hotel – no open CFs or recent complaints
- Carl Rooms – BP issued for fire separation work Aug 30
- Astoria Hotel – Pest complaint August. Closed. No other complaints
- Gastown Hotel – Repairs not yet completed re: fire/water damage
- Grand Union Hotel – deck membrane to be completed. No other open CFs
- Lion Hotel – no open CFs. PUI on site in July and noted to be in good condition
- Regal Hotel- completed one of the permits. Progress being made

### **Non-SRA properties**

#### Manor House

- STR licence application not supported

#### 8085 Ross Street

- No movement regarding enforcement – have not complied with the WWOP order
- Owners have indicated they would like to demolish structure on property

- Owner's rep reached out to Mayor's office. Andrea Law, Neil Monkton and Saul will be meeting to discuss the property

#### 1815 West 12

- An Untidy Order was sent on August 23
- Power to remain disconnected until their electrical deficiencies are rectified
- If property remains non-compliant will have to consider taking this to Council and have declared a nuisance
- VFD to look into the property and the possibility that someone is still living there despite the lack of power

#### **Roundtable**

September 26 Meeting for ACCS, DBL and VFRS

- Focus discussion on how to support the owners and tenants better
- Empty SRAs re: recent fires.
  - Keefer Rooms – 222 Keefer
  - Fire at Princess and Powell, 3 SRO properties have been impacted, they are:
    - 215 Princess – Princess Rooms (fire damage)
    - 568 Powell – Hampton Rooms (fire damage)
    - 556 Powell – Powell Rooms (water damage/flooding)
  - Fire in July 2022, 566 Powell (Phoenix Apartments) has been shuttered

Jubilee Rooms – 235 Main Street

- Posted a Fire Watch order to keep the building under supervision
- One of the entrances closed during renovations; tenants and first responders will need get through the secondary entrance to get through
- PUI is conducting annual inspection Sept 12 – Mark to forward the results to VFRS/Dave
- Building was renovated in 2018 when it changed ownership; unclear work or scope that is currently underway

Regent Hotel – had recent break-ins reported with music and lights being observed. VFRS attended and did inspection and no persons found in building

For a copy of the presentation, please email [claire.thompson@vancouver.ca](mailto:claire.thompson@vancouver.ca)

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm

**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [VFRS Captain Investigations](#); [VFRS Fire Investigations](#)  
**Subject:** Tent fire last night or night before on Hastings  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:15:42 AM

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Hey guys

Any information on a tent fire last night or the night before on Hastings street at the encampment?

Just want to make sure that we are tracking this data. It is pretty important at the moment.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Stevens, Daniel](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Tents and structures on side streets adjacent to Hastings Street Encampment  
**Date:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 3:58:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Daniel,

Deputy Chief Renning and myself did a tour of the side streets adjacent to the Hastings Street Tent Encampment today and found tents and structures in front of the following addresses:

- 407 Gore Avenue, tents in front of LifeLabs building. Not currently blocking egress or access of FDC's
- 341 Gore Avenue, tents in front of Orange Hall as well as across the street on the east side of Gore Avenue.
- 300 and 400 Block of Dunlevy multiple tents along these blocks against buildings. One blocked doorway.
- 300 Block Columbia, both sides of the street, multiple tents, both sides of the street
- Main Street: 400 block has a chop shop but no tents on west side. 300 block has tents against a building. 319 Main street "The Imperial" has tents blocking a doorway. 200 Block Main on the west side has tents blocking exits.

I realize that this is not very scientific or comprehensive but it gives a bit of a picture of the issue. We did this from a car as we were a bit pressed for time. I estimate that there were approximately 20-25 tents in these areas. If you would like more detailed information we can follow up with pictures at some point. This might also be a good job for the folks that are doing the mapping to start including these areas as well. Let me know if you need anything further on this or anything else.

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If you have any issues or concerns please give me a call.

We will have Fire Inspections staff attend the encampment tomorrow at some point, I just can't be specific when.

Apologies, but I will not be attending the morning meeting tomorrow, nor will any of our staff, as we have an All Member Staff Meeting at 08:00 at our west 8<sup>th</sup> avenue offices.

Hi Paul and John,

**From:** Meers, Dave  
**To:** Hogan, Paul (eng); McDermott, Jonathan  
**Cc:** Renning, Rob  
**Subject:** Tomorrow's Morning Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 4:57:00 PM  
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**From:** [Meers, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Fry, Karen](#)  
**Cc:** [Renning, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** Update on the fires today  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 3:09:00 PM  
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Hi Chief Fry,

I just spoke to ADC Connelly and On Duty AC Dan Nichols on scene at 222 Keefer street.

### **222 Keefer**

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- This building had 45 units of residential with approximately 39 of them occupied
- Unsure of the whereabouts of all occupants as not all were home at the time of the fire, however, Primary Search has been completed and there were no victims found
- Cause of fire is still under investigation but appears to have been a fire that started in the kitchen of the adjacent restaurant at 218 Keefer and spread up the ducting to the roof of the building and ignited contents on roof
- Sprinklers were activated and fire alarm was as well
- Power has been shut off and there is extensive water damage throughout the building
- ESS is on scene trying to get an idea of how many people will be displaced and for how long
- Some will be displaced long term and some more short term
- Last inspected by Problem Buildings Team on August 11<sup>th</sup> with several violations found.

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### **12 East Hastings**

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- 2 storey building, (Liberty Market)
- Fire apparently started from garbage being lit on the roof, possibly ignited by people from an adjacent building (this is unconfirmed)
- Upstairs was under renovation with lots of exposed walls and open framing so the potential for a greater fire loss was great. Roof had a skylight that was beginning to let in combustible material and could have started to spread to 2<sup>nd</sup> storey
- Crews did a great a great job gaining access under very tough conditions. Lots of tents, and people needed to be moved in order for crews to gain access and ladder the building.
- VERY DELAYED RESPONSE DUE TO LACK OF ACCESS FROM TENTS, STRUCTURES AND COMBUSTIBLES OUT FRONT. OUR FIRE CREWS STATE THAT THE PEOPLE SHELTERING ON THE STREET WERE A HUGE PROBLEM AT THIS INCIDENT.

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I will give these updates at the end of day EOC Meeting. Let me know if you need anything else.

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**Organizer:** Mauboules, Celine  
**Required Attendees:** Mauboules, Celine; Jasper, Kirsten; Melles, Bruk; Baker, Sue; Zupan, Mike; Shames, Albert; Renning, Rob; Meers, Dave; Caitlin Etherington (Caitlin.Etherington@vch.ca); Compton, Miranda [VCH]; Will Valenciano (wvalenciano@bchousing.org); Carmen Hall; Zak, MaryClare; Ali, Shabna; Partridge, Stephane [VCH]; Lepps, Betty; Domes, Krystyna; Holliday, Elizabeth [VC] (Elizabeth.Holliday@vch.ca); Moss, Bob; Tran, Tan; BES.DOBRECI@vpd.ca; Parker, Lisa; Sidwell, Amy

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**Subject:** Urgent meeting request: E Hastings op plan walk through

Hello ~

I am hoping you could arrange an urgent 90 minute meeting today to walk through the draft ops plan to ensure we've captured all the pieces and identified risk mitigation strategies.

To our BCH and VCH colleagues we really hope you can also join us – and perhaps decide who can make it given the short notice.

If you have an executive assistant that can help with your calendar, please let Vanco and Esfer know.

Thanks,  
Celine

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