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Subject: Vanier Park Encampment - Update

Hi,

Councillor Dominato has reached out with the following question:

A number of us received media requests today about an encampment in Vanier Park. Would it be possible to get more information on the nature of the encampment, including size and scope. Also, what outreach has park or city staff undertaken to-date?

Staff response, per the GM, ACCS:

- Park Rangers and the City's Homelessness Services Team have been and continue to be actively working with the 2-3 people in these structures.
- On Monday when the ACCS Outreach Team is back in the office, we will be able to provide Council with more information, e.g., what offers of indoor space have been made, if there have been connections to Vancouver Coastal Health, and, what the Park Board's plans are for bylaw enforcement.
- The scale of our homelessness crisis in Vancouver is such that we have people sleeping in tents and other structures in neighbourhoods across the city - this situation in Kitsilano is not unique. We are grateful for the support from the Province to build more supportive housing, deploy shelters, and address service needs of people who have no housing as the City cannot address this crisis alone.

Thanks,

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