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Dear Mayor and Council

Following on the staff presentation at the Sept 12th In Camera with Council, please find a status update on the vending situation on East Hastings as follows:

- The 000-block of East Hastings (between Carrall and Columbia) has reached a point where access is no longer safe for pedestrians and people with mobility devices due to a high degree of congestion associated with unpermitted street vending on the block. The congestion is also limiting access to doorways and fire connections and causing a spillover into the vehicle traffic lane.
- After weeks of verbal warnings, tomorrow, Wednesday Sept 20th, Engineering staff will be taking a more proactive approach in requiring individuals to move their items off the sidewalk at this location, per Section 66 of the Street & Traffic Bylaw (#2849), which regulates the use of streets, including prohibiting vending and obstructions on streets and sidewalks. VPD members will also be involved to ensure the safety of staff and the public.
- We will be posting "No Vending" signage in the area, which is intended to further clarify that vending is not permitted. Signage will start in the 000 –block and be expanded as necessary if vending patterns change. Signage is intended to indicate that the bylaw prohibition against non-permitted vending is not location-specific and applies across the city.
- Voluntary compliance is always our objective and our team will make their best efforts to work with individuals. However, Engineering staff may need to impound vending-related structures and materials where there is refusal to remove them voluntarily.
- Impounded items will be stored for 30 days as per the By-law and individuals will be given information on how to retrieve items.
- Earlier this week, staff connected with some CCRN community partners to discuss challenges with implementing some of their ideas and the immediate need to address the situation on the block. The conversation was valuable and those partners were understanding but there may be concerns expressed by other CCRN members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon or me.

Best,
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