

File No.: 04-1000-20-2023-547

October 27, 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 responding to your request of September 5, 2023 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

**Record of ranger reports regarding the Vanier Park Homeless encampment. Date range: March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.13(1), s.15(1)(l), s.22(1), and s.22(3)(d) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here:

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

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2023-547); 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,

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Encl. (Response package)

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March 21st, 2023 - 1254hrs - Rangers DON, NGUYEN, CAMERON, BUSH, JUNG, MESSAM and BIRK attended Vanier Park at 0855hrs with VFRS and VPD to issue an eviction to the campers, as well as remove all propane tanks, flammables, and anything else pointed out as a hazard by VFRS. Upon arrival, Rangers entered the camp and announced their presence to the campers. Rangers came across a large tarp structure consisting of different coloured tarps. The air around it smelled like something was burning, but no smoke was noticed. There was an incredible amount of items around the structure, so Rangers had to be careful to navigate around. Rangers did not receive a response from within the large structure, but there was a large opening on the NW side of the structure where Rangers could see in. Rangers saw a male and a female sleeping on a bed underneath covers, and Rangers shouted out to see if they would respond. This time they responded, and Ranger DON said Park Rangers, VFRS and VPD were on site and wanted to speak with them. The couple wanted 5 minutes to wake up and get dressed, which Rangers agreed to.

Rangers then moved along to the very large "warehouse like" wooden structure down the embankment. Rangers knew an individual named s.22(1) had been staying there. Rangers called out to s.22(1), who responded. Rangers asked if s.22(1) could come out of the structure to speak with Rangers. Shortly after, s.22(1) popped his head out, and Rangers informed him that he would need to exit the camp for good, as Rangers would be giving the campers 24 hours to grab their essentials, and then Rangers would come in and start removing everything. Rangers informed s.22(1) that he didn't need to waste time dismantling things, as Rangers would look after that. s.22(1) was calm and said ok, and that he would be gone by the morning.

Rangers proceeded to move back up the embankment and speak with s.22(1) as he was now outside of the structure. Rangers called him by his name and asked how he was doing, and he said his name was s.22(1) and there wasn't anyone named s.22(1) here. Ranger DON pulled s.22(1) and name on it, and showed the male and asked if this was him, and he said "yes". Ranger DON then pointed to the name of that individual, s.22(1). The male responded yes, and then said he goes by the name s.22(1). Rangers then asked if s.22(1) and he responded yes.

Ranger DON then informed him that they are being given 24 hours to grab their essentials and leave the park, as Rangers would be returning tomorrow to begin removing all items from the area. s.22(1) originally argued saying this was Crown Land and they didn't need to move. But Ranger DON informed him that the land is actually leased to the Park Board, and Rangers could enforce the Park by-laws on Park Board property. s.22(1) then went back in the tent to grab something, and put his hood up, and stormed out of the park. Rangers informed s.22(1) who was still inside of the tent, just in case she hadn't heard what was educated to s.22(1).

Rangers and VFRs then proceeded to walk around the forest removing all the abandoned propane tanks, and other items which VFRS pointed out. In total, Rangers removed 16 large propane tanks, 5 small propane tanks, a large BBQ and a couple stoves. These propane tanks were picked up and removed from the park by Propane Depot. Rangers also picked up and removed 5 needles from the forest.

March 22nd, 2023 - 1358hrs - Rangers DON, MAH, GUERIN, FLORES, LUONG, CAMERON, BUSH, JUNG, MESSAM, BIRK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park at 0813hrs to enforce the removal of items in the forest which s.22(1) did not want to take with them. This was after speaking with them yesterday with regards to needing to be gone by this morning. Upon arrival, Ranger DON went to conduct a site assessment, but was intercepted by 2 homeless advocates, both with cameras. One of the advocates, s.22(1) has been spoken to numerous times before by Ranger DON. They questioned Ranger DON again as to why Rangers were asking them to leave their "homes". Ranger DON informed them that they were in an ecologically sensitive area, where they have had many fires, they have left propane tanks and chemicals laying around, as well as needles and drug paraphernalia. They then asked Ranger DON where the individuals were supposed to go since Rangers weren't housing them. Ranger DON informed them that outreach workers have spoken with them about housing, but the individuals have had no interest in moving indoors. Ranger DON also informed the advocates that the individuals are welcome to set up tents in other more open parks, which are not by schools, playgrounds or in ecologically sensitive areas. This is as long as they don't set their tent up before dusk, and have it packed up and mobile by 8am. Ranger DON also emphasized that once packed up by 8am, they are more than welcome to stay in the park just like everyone else, as they are not violating any bylaws, so Rangers would have no reason to speak with them. The advocates then argued that Rangers were forcing them to have a set wakeup time, where if they stayed in their current structures, they could get the proper rest they would need to work. Ranger DON informed them that they could not set up permanent structures in parks, to which the advocates argued that every housing unit on the planet is temporary, because someone's house could burn down or be demolished any day. Ranger DON did not comment on that, as he believed it was an inappropriate comparison. The advocates then asked for clarification on the bylaws surrounding the structures, and Ranger DON handed them the notice which had been printed up, stating each section of the bylaw the campers were in violation of. The advocates continued to ask questions, and asked what Ranger DON's thoughts were on VPD's handling of homeless people and why they needed to be on scene. Ranger DON informed them that he was not a part of VPD and could not answer that question, and then also answered that he has informed s.22(1) that he has had this conversation numerous times with him about why VPD is on scene sometimes. They asked if violence would break out with VPD on scene, and Ranger DON informed them that he could not predict the future. The advocates tried to get Ranger DON to answer questions relating to his moral compass on the matter, but Ranger DON ignored them and disengaged.



back to the parking lot to give the briefing to the team.

Once back in the parking lot, Ranger DON spoke with the VPD Sergeant on scene, and informed him of the plan. The Sergeant agreed and said they would follow the Ranger's lead. Ranger DON then briefed the team on the plan, and informed Ranger GUERIN that she would be Ranger DON's cover when they initiated contact with the campers, if the campers were still on scene. At this time, the City's homeless and housing director, Sue Baker, arrived on scene. Sue joined Rangers DON and GUERIN in their approach to the camp. As Rangers approached and introduced themselves, the advocates followed Rangers, recording them the entire time. After Rangers introduced themselves, s.22(1) answered from within. They wanted some time to get dressed before coming out of their camp, which Rangers agreed to. Rangers proceeded down to s.22(1) camp to speak with him, but Rangers did not receive an answer from s.22(1) camp. With VPD waiting on scene, Rangers were going to request VPD assistance to conduct s.22(1). Rangers disengaged back to the parking lot and found the plan had changed. VPD was no longer required on scene, and Rangers were going to try and connect the campers with outreach/shelter options for the time being, rather than conduct the removal.

Rangers GUERIN and DON, along with Sue Baker, approached and re-engaged with s.22(1) structure. After a few minutes, s.22(1) came out of the structure, and spoke with Ranger GUERIN. While speaking with Ranger GUERIN, s.22(1) gave the ok for Rangers to remove a pile of belongings which she said was garbage.

2023-03-22 - 1450hrs - At 0812hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM joined all the above Rangers in the School of Music Parking Lot for Vanier Park. Rangers were approached by the Director of Homeless Relations Sue BAKER. GUERIN stated that all the Ranger and VPD appearances could be really aggravating and to speak with them first. BAKER agreed, and GUERIN DON and BAKER went into the forest from the goat trail off the parking lot. At the top of the hill, Rangers were greeted by known advocate and filming s.22(1) as well as s.22(1) an advocate from the s.22(1) and the manager of the online newspaper called Tyee. s.22(1) immediately began to film, as Rangers and BAKER walked towards s.22(1) camp asking if Rangers had a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. Rangers ignored the request as s.22(1) has been given the copy multiple times in the past. Rangers continued into the camp where s.22(1) asked for approx. 10 minutes to get dressed with also no answer below at the 'warehouse' in s.22(1)'s camp. Rangers and BAKER waited for s.22(1) to come out of the tent while they were joined by Superintendent DEJONG and other media relations. s.22(1) was continuously filming all actions of Rangers while DON gave a printed memo to s.22(1) as she appeared. BAKER introduced themselves and talked about the options for shelters currently available for the couple. s.22(1) pointed out a large pile of garbage that Rangers were able to clear out of the park. Multiple conversations went back and forth where BAKER would offer MPA outreach services, or the shelters available with s.22(1) stating she understands, yet has fear of SRO's and cannot make the decision for all who reside in the encampment. Rangers were joined shortly after by s.22(1), who stated they will only clear the area for a \$30mil mansion and began to deflect with requests for the park, and stating other individuals have come with maps stating it's Crown land and if the Queen herself doesn't come to inform them he has to go, he will not. GUERIN spoke at length about the Ranger storage program, which seemed quite intriguing to both parties to assist in their removal. s.22(1) seemed to speak in tangents about the military, which then both parties stated confidentially they were no longer interested in shelters whatsoever as it was no longer an option. BAKER understood and removed themselves from the encampment area. At this time, Rangers were told the small pile of garbage can be removed from the area. As Rangers entered to begin clearing, a small fire was observed at the bottom of the lake with smoke beginning to rise rapidly. Advocates began to act distressed and fearful for s.22(1). s.22(1) immediately stated that s.22(1) who they have had s.22(1) stated that they have made a serious connection with the community and have had no other negative feedback to their encampment. s.22(1) stated that Security at the washrooms have created a good rapport and have allowed them to use their showers, and washroom facilities at any time. s.22(1) stated that s.22(1) and that's how they "keep busy" and "make a living". s.22(1) stated that when their tent was at the pond area they knew the s.22(1). This was done by other campers who had previously shared the area. s.22(1) said s.22(1) s.22(1) and advised them to come into the park. s.22(1) that he's been here' this is the biggest lake he has ever seen and questioned if Parks staff had purposely made the pond deeper in an attempt to drown them. s.22(1) and advocates also questioned if Rangers were the ones who set the fire, which was currently burning, on purpose. GUERIN began to try to reason with s.22(1) stating the environmental impact and the boundaries of the Senakw project of Squamish nation and where the Park states. GUERIN read the Memorandum of Understanding verbatim stating that when the housing becomes available the powers will come to be removed and this is always meant to be a temporary structure/solution. s.22(1) s.22(1) were compliant and kind to speak to but seemed to now be overwhelmed. GUERIN and s.22(1) agreed to have GUERIN return in an hour with a copy of the boundaries, and have BAKER return with a list to sit down and make a plan. GUERIN agreed and cleared the area without issue at 1020hrs. While this was happening, Ranger DON coordinated the removal of items with the other Rangers. After Rangers



had removed the garbage pile beside s.22(1) camp, Rangers re-engaged with s.22(1) camp. s.22(1) finally responded from within, and Rangers asked him if there was any garbage or unwanted items which Rangers could remove. s.22(1) said everything outside of his camp could be removed, which included bike frames, tires, assorted metal, soiled clothing and bedding, couch cushions, and other miscellaneous items. While Rangers were removing these items, Ranger DON headed back to s.22(1) camp to speak with s.22(1) if they had any more items which Rangers could remove, to which s.22(1) said no.

Ranger DON cleared from their camp, and as he was heading back towards his truck in the parking lot, he noticed an s.22(1), half way down the embankment of the pond, on the north side. s.22(1) off leash beside the pond. The male spotted Ranger DON and scurried back up the embankment, and exited the park via the north side trail. Ranger DON assumed he was just startled that someone in uniform was there and witnessed s.22(1). As Ranger DON got closer to the trail leading down to the parking lot, he smelled something burning. Ranger DON looked down towards the pond, and saw smoke. When he got closer and looked down the embankment, Ranger DON spotted one of the piles of garbage which was now on fire. The flames engulfed about a 4 foot by 4 foot area. Already, the fire was too large for Rangers to put out with fire extinguishers, and the terrain was steep and difficult to navigate, so Ranger DON contacted 911 requesting assistance from VFRS. While waiting for VFRS, the fire was getting large quite quickly, and was beginning to emit black smoke. As VFRS arrived and began setting up their hoses, the fire was now at the base of one of the trees, ready to ignite the base of the tree at any second. Fire crews were able to extinguish the flames from the base of the tree, as well as everywhere in and around the pile of garbage, before any significant damage was done. Shortly after extinguishing the blaze, the Fire Inspector arrived on scene and determined the fire had been started by an outside source, and was not started from inside of the pile of garbage. Ranger DON informed the inspector of the individual he had seen scurry from the area, just before Ranger DON spotted the fire. The inspector noted a few bottles of alcohol in the pile of garbage, which assisted in the fire spreading rapidly. A bottle was also found with a cloth inside of it, sort of like an improvised Molotov cocktail. After answering the inspector's questions, Ranger DON was given VFRS File # 23-0013702. After the inspector cleared, Ranger DON headed back up to assist in loading the rest of the items deemed ok to remove by the campers, into the backs of Ranger trucks.

Rangers cleared from the park at 1145hrs, removing 6 truckloads of items. Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM were returning to the scene with Sue Baker to continue discussing outreach and housing options for the campers.

2023-03-22 - 1513hrs - At 1110hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM returned to Vanier Park and observed Sue BAKER at the top of the goat trail waiting. BAKER, GUERIN and MESSAM entered the encampment where the previous advocates were also waiting s.22(1) stating that 'they are going for lunch' and have 'changed their mind' on shelters once more, refusing to even see the list BAKER had brought. BAKER pointed out the direct number for MPA near to them for outreach services, and excused themselves from the encampment again. GUERIN provided the advocates and s.22(1) with a copy of 4 layers showing the jurisdictional boundaries of Parks and Senakw which was reviewed in group. s.22(1) took the copy and seemed displeased with the evidence. s.22(1) then passed a handwritten note to GUERIN stating this is for you. GUERIN didn't read the note on site. s.22(1) stated he would only like to speak to GUERIN going forth. s.22(1) asked GUERIN if they can expect the same Ranger and VPD response everyday going forth or what would happen next to which GUERIN stated unknown, but would keep s.22(1) apprised. GUERIN could not get contact with s.22(1) while on site yet s.22(1) stated he had told s.22(1) everything already from the earlier interaction. s.22(1) stated they would like garbage bins in the park, and would like to speak to environmentalists who he believes will state that their encampment is not harmful to the park area. He states the BMX track is "man-made" and maintained by s.22(1) so how is that different from his encampment. GUERIN stated many times eventually they will need to leave regardless and to not feel like that it is not coming in the future as housing will be allocated at some point. GUERIN called MPA on site and left a message as s.22(1) agreed to speak to MPA with GUERIN. s.22(1) left the area for lunch with advocates trailing behind to continue more private conversations. s.22(1) stated many times in all the conversation that he will be back again at night time to brief them on how to proceed to Rangers, and to continue the filming and legal conversations. Rangers cleared at 1148hrs and returned to Stanley where the handwritten note was given to DEJONG. The note stated a plan, and a list of requests from s.22(1) to better make their situation more comfortable.

March 23rd, 2023 - 1142hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0943hrs to assist Super Save with dropping off the large garbage bin for the campers. Upon arrival, Ranger DON waited on scene for about 25-30 minutes until the bin arrived. Ranger DON escorted the driver into the trail to where the bin was going to get dropped. As the vehicle got into the trails, it was sinking on the trail. Ranger DON decided to have the driver drop the bin on the north side of the forest in the trails, rather than take it to the west side, where the vehicle may get stuck. The bin was dropped and Rangers informed campers the bin was there to start disposing of garbage and any unwanted items.

24th March 2023, 1152 hrs - Rangers OTHMAN, MESSAM and BIRK attended Vanier Park to follow up with camp residents and upon arrival ranger 70 observed the large blue super save bin located on the north west side of the park. Rangers observed the bin to be empty. Rangers checked each of the totes and found them to be also empty.



except 1 garbage bin that had been filled with garbage. Rangers walked to the white tarped structure on top of the hill and found it to be unoccupied. Rangers then went around the corner to the entrance of the large "warehouse" structure and called out with s.22(1) and did not want to talk to rangers.

Ranger 70 said he would respect that and would return tomorrow to follow up.

March 25th, 2023 - 1228hrs - Rangers SAMSON 104 and OTHMAN 70 attended Vanier Park at 1030hrs. Rangers were in full uniform and were driving a marked City of Vancouver vehicle A5978. Rangers conducted a patrol of the area and noticed two structures in the forest. Rangers from a distance observed a male outside one of the two structures. Rangers requested a safety timer at 1032hrs. Rangers approached the structure and introduced themselves to the male. The male identified himself as a visitor and did not give his name. s.22(1) one of the occupants came out of his structure and spoke to Rangers. Rangers and s.22(1) discussed about the resources and accommodation. s.22(1) stated he was speaking to different organizations but did not give the names of the organizations. Rangers cleared from the safety timer at 1036hrs. Rangers mentioned to s.22(1) that there will be Rangers following up in the next few days. s.22(1) acknowledged and stated that he would create a pile near the goat trail for items to be disposed. Rangers cleared at 1046hrs. End of report.

March 28th, 2023 - 1244hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0827hrs for a follow up of the large encampment. Upon arrival, Rangers approached s.22(1) camp and called out introducing themselves as Park Rangers. s.22(1) answered, and said they had just woken up. Ranger DON asked the couple if they had a fire going inside of their structure, as there was a strong burning smell coming from inside their camp. s.22(1) said he had just put out the fire inside of the furnace. Ranger DON again re-iterated that they cannot have fires inside of their tents, inside of the forest, or inside any park. s.22(1) begrudgingly agreed. Ranger DON asked the couple if any of the items outside of their camp were items which Rangers could remove. The couple stated the only items that could be removed were the ones located in the pond area. Rangers asked them if they had begun to put their garbage and unwanted items into the large disposal bin, to which they said no, not yet. Rangers encouraged the couple to begin to use the bin to dispose of items. The couple didn't respond, so Rangers disengaged.

As Rangers moved down to s.22(1) warehouse structure, Rangers noticed some extension cords which were partially buried. Rangers saw one of them going towards s.22(1) camp, mainly buried under the dirt. There were also 2 extension cords going to s.22(1) camp. Rangers called out to s.22(1) and asked if he was home. s.22(1) responded that he was "fine". Rangers asked if he could pop his head out, but received no response. Rangers asked if the extension cords going to his camp were connected to a generator, but there was no response. Finally, Rangers asked s.22(1) if he had anything that Rangers could remove from his camp, and again received no response. Rangers disengaged from s.22(1) camp, and went back to the extension cords.

Rangers located a power bar, which had the 3 cords to the camps coming out of it. Rangers followed the main black extension cord, which was buried under the blackberry bush, leading up the hill to the trail. Rangers pulled the cord up out of the ground as they walked along following the cord. When they got up to the trail, they noticed the cord was buried under the trail, so Rangers pulled it up from under the trail pathway. The cord continued down towards the parking lot through the blackberry bushes, and eventually it came out at the base of a light pole in the parking lot. The panel covering the power source of the pole had been pulled off, and the extension cord was plugged into the light pole. The panel was then screwed back on, so Rangers were unable to disconnect the extension cord. Rangers contacted 311 to make an emergency work order for REFM to come out, remove the panel, remove the extension cord, and re-secure the light pole panel.

Once doing this, Rangers informed Superintendent DEJONG of the happenings, and asked about firmer enforcement. After discussion, it was decided Rangers would disconnect the extension cords, and cut the plugs so they couldn't be reconnected to the power supply, which had been broken in to. Rangers proceeded to cut the ends of the extension cords which were plugged into the power supply, and then disengaged from the park. Rangers did not wait on scene for REFM to attend to fix the light pole.

2023-03-29 - 1215hrs - At 0817hrs Rangers GUERIN and LUONG attended Vanier Park to check in on the known residents of the large encampment as well as the progress on the removal of the power pole tampering. Rangers entered the encampment area to find two unknown males talking to s.22(1).

Both males instantly stated they were "fucking out of here" upon Rangers appearance but continued to stay within the close vicinity to overhear the conversation. GUERIN spoke to s.22(1), who stated all was well and they have not had anymore unexpected fire visitors. s.22(1) stated that they are 'downsizing' to be 'more mobilized'.

s.22(1) claimed to not know anything about the power chords, but stated that someone entered their tent at 3AM to "cut some shit out" while s.22(1) were out. GUERIN spoke with s.22(1) stated she was in good condition and that the power chords in question were already there and they just found them. s.22(1) stated they were only used for lighting anyway and not a heat source for their structure. Rangers observed the overhead tarp of their structure to be displaying much more melted/fire evidence and re-instated the fire danger and bylaw relating to open flames. GUERIN stated again that in accordance of the MOU that suitable housing will be found and then they will be expected to vacant to which s.22(1) both replied "good, okay" and inquired more about moving indoors. s.22(1) stated that the nearby blue garbage bin was full, and the large supersave bin was a great addition for them. s.22(1) N said he saw s.22(1).



s.22(1) stated that no outreach workers have come to see them or speak to them but a Kitsilano Church dropped off a 'bundle of goods' which they would like to say thank you. GUERIN stated she left a message with MPA 3 times for outreach workers and will continue trying to help connect them with services. Upon leaving their encampment area, directly across from their main goat trail, LUONG found a created man-made and clearly active firepit area with manicured garden. Rangers notified Lead DON and sent photos on VPR 3. Rangers checked the poles within the parking lots to find one pole in the east of the Music Academy Parking lot having the metal plate bent and turned to reveal the wiring in the base of the pole. Rangers also sent photos to Lead DON from VPR 3. Rangers cleared at 0901hrs.

2023-03-29 - 1240hrs - At 1113hrs Rangers GUERIN and LUONG attended Cultural Harmony Grove for a report of structures within the park. While at the Vanier washrooms, Rangers observed one of the unknown males from earlier at s.22(1) structure biking suspiciously around. s.22(1) came around from the back gate of the Burrard Marina building with the washrooms stating he was looking for s.22(1) confirmed s.22(1) was the male who just left on the bicycle. s.22(1) stated he was around the back of the washrooms to 'do his laundry'. s.22(1) previously told GUERIN that Security at Burrard Marina has been kind to let them shower and use the washroom at all hours. Rangers explained they were attending the area due to a complaint about structures at the nearby park. s.22(1) just left without comment. As Rangers were clearing the area when s.22(1) was seen biking around the same loop again with a different bicycle. Rangers followed s.22(1) through Vanier green spaces and parking lots with Rangers following. The males were aware of Rangers presence, and eventually just walked back into the encampment from the parking lot goat trail. Rangers informed LEAD Don of the updates as well as a request to inform management at the marina to discontinue allowing the use of their facilities. Rangers cleared the area at 1148hrs.

Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 1050hrs – AM Shift – Sunny.

At approx. 0854hrs, MESSAM (123) and NGUYEN (106) arrived at Vanier Park for a routine patrol in city vehicle A5979 and in full uniform. Rangers conducted a foot patrol of the forest area to follow-up with the occupants living in large tarp/wooden structures. Rangers requested a safety-timer to Dispatch 92 and approached, NGUYEN acting as Contact and MESSAM acting as Cover, a verbal greeting was given but there was no response from inside the structure. Rangers attempted several times to get a response but did not receive one. Rangers cleared safety-timer and departed at approx. 0920hrs

Friday, March 31, 2023 - 14:44 hours - Rangers ANDERSON (8) and PARK (118) attended Vanier Park in full uniform at 10:54 hours. Rangers took photos of the power outlet on the light pole in the music conservatory which was sent to Lead Ranger 70. Rangers smelled smoke in the area but did not find a source of fire in the area. Rangers spoke with camp residents s.22(1) and reminded them they needed to pack down their belongings and discard garbage in the disposal container which was not present at time of patrol; Lead 70 advised of disposal container not being on site. Rangers cleared the park at 11:17 hours.

0937hrs | 02/04/23 - At approx. 0750hrs on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, Vancouver Park Rangers LUONG and MESSAM (Charlie 4) attended Vanier Park in Vancouver, in full uniform, to conduct a routine check of the encampment. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a thorough mobile patrol along the perimeter of the forested area and an additional foot patrol in the trails of the forested area. Rangers observed a lengthy yellow extension cable running across a foot trail just south of the encampment. Rangers followed the extension cable south southeast and observed a junction leading to a blue extension cable. Both extension cables ran into the adjacent Senz&w Development worksite.

Rangers proceeded to check the City light standard at the parking lot of Vancouver Academy of Music because it had been tapped into illegal in the past. Here Rangers observed a large piece of broken shrub propped up against the base of the post. Upon closer inspection, Rangers observed a green extension cable jerry-rigged into the light standard. The green cable extended up the hill and across the foot trail leading to the encampment. The shrub is assumed to be there to conceal the illegal and dangerous use of stolen electricity.

LUONG and MESSAM took photos of all visible extension cables leading in and out of the park. LUONG notified Lead Ranger DON of observations, who subsequently submitted an emergency work order to have the City light standard secured properly. LUONG also notified s.22(1) of the observations Rangers came across. s.22(1) and was very appreciative of the phone call notification from Rangers.

No further Ranger action required at this time.

Rangers LUONG and MESSAM cleared from Vanier Park at approx. 0825hrs.

4/4/2023 - 1152hrs - Rangers CAMERON and ANDERSON attended Vanier park at 1005hrs in city marked vehicle 5662. Rangers initiated a level 2 safety timer and approached Encampment, Rangers announced presence.

s.22(1) responded to rangers, She advised Rangers that they still has not received a response for housing. Rangers did not receive a response from the other white tarp structure. Rangers did not observe any fires, but



observed camp fires that have been used in the past. Rangers also noticed a hidden power cord coming from a city light pole leading to the camp, Rangers relayed information to Lead DON.

April 4th, 2023 - 0033hrs - Rangers Samson 104 and Palamos 124 attended Vanier park at 2342hrs. Rangers were in full uniform and were driving a marked City of Vancouver vehicle A5978. While patrolling the area Rangers could smell a strong odor of smoke coming from the Vanier encampment. Rangers contacted Lead Richter about the concern. At 2344hrs, Rangers called VFRS and relayed the above information. At 2351hrs, VFRS Engine 4 "SQUAD," arrived on scene and were briefed of the concern.

At 2354hrs, Rangers requested a safety and went in with 3 VFRS: SR572, Pappa John, and Klassen. Rangers with VFRS approached the encampment and could smell the fire coming from one of the wooden structures. Rangers and VFRS spoke to s.22(1) and educated s.22(1) about the bylaws. s.22(1) acknowledged and informed Rangers and VFRS that she had just poured water on the fire.

At 2351hrs, VPD Sergeant 2637 and two VPD constables arrived on scene. VFRS and Sergeant 2637 went inside the structure and ensured that the fire was completely out. VFRS and Sergeant 2637 exited the structure after a few minutes and Rangers, VFRS and VPD cleared the encampment.

At 0012hrs, Rangers, VFRS and VPD cleared Vanier park. No file number was given. A total of 4 VFRS, 2 Rangers and 5 VPD officers attended. End of report

2023-04-06 - 14:36hrs - At approximately 07:45hrs, rangers NGUYEN and MAKINTOSH attended Vanier park to conduct a patrol of the encampment area. Rangers were to conduct a wellness check on the individuals in the camp, to check if any power lines were connected to any light poles, and to check the fence that borders the park and the construction area to see if there were any signs of damage.

Upon entering the encampment, a strong smell of smoke was in the area. Rangers entered the encampment and spoke to the occupants inside the tent, however, only s.22(1) responded. s.22(1) responded and said he was doing well and when asked about the fire, stated that he does not know what caused the fire. Rangers then disengaged from the encampment area. Rangers did not observe any electrical wires hanging from the light poles, nor any signs of damage along the fence line. Rangers cleared the area at approximately 08:00hrs without issue.

2023-04-07 - 13:59hrs - At approximately 10:52hrs, rangers NGUYEN and JOHL attended Vanier park to conduct a patrol of the encampment area. Rangers were to conduct a wellness check on the individuals in the camp, to check if any power lines were connected to any light poles, and to check the fence that borders the park and the construction area to see if there were any signs of damage. Rangers approached the encampment, however, did not receive any responses from both tents. Rangers did not observe any electrical cords running from the poles to the camps, furthermore, rangers did not observe any damages to the fence line. Rangers then cleared the area at approximately 11:00hrs without issue.

Monday, April 10, 2023 – AM Shift – 1350hrs – Cloudy.

At approx. 0845hrs, Rangers MESSAM (123) and JUNG (120) arrived at Vanier Park in city vehicle A5979 and in full uniform for a routine park patrol. Rangers conducted a foot patrol around the west-side of the parking lot adjacent to the forest area and observed the street lamp and its electrical wires still exposed from prior reports and no evidence of a work order or fix has been done. The power cords wired into the lamp post and into the encampment remain intact. Rangers then conducted a foot patrol along the construction site fence and observed no additional power cords trespassing from the encampment into the construction site property. Rangers took photos on VPR iPhone5 and informed Bravo 64. Rangers departed at approx. 0845hrs.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 1300hrs – AM Shift – Raining/Cloud.

At approx. 0842hrs, Rangers MESSAM (123) and BIRK (125) arrived to Vanier Park in city vehicle C5502 and in full uniform for a routine patrol. Upon arrival, Rangers observed a white smoke coming from the encampment – assuming it was from the wood stove burner within the tarp structure. No sights of a fire or flames deemed as an immediate hazard or uncontrolled. Rangers spoke to a construction site worker walking through the forest area and he said he had seen the camp occupants bring in tanks of propane – s.22(1) s.22(1) about the being cut off from their power supply s.22(1) s.22(1). Rangers then went to check the street lamp in the west parking lot and observed that all the power cords have been dismantled and cut – the wires and light access still remain exposed. Pictures was taken on iPhone VPR5. Rangers departed the area at approx. 0857hrs.

April 13th, 2023 - 1059hrs - Rangers DON, ANDERSON and CAMERON attended Vanier Park at 0816hrs to check on the large encampment in the forest. Upon arrival, Rangers noticed the light pole was finally fixed and re-secured with a panel. However, as Rangers made their way up the hill, Rangers noticed 4 different extension cords running under the trail, wrapped around tree, through bushes, and even onto the construction site again. Rangers took photos of this on iPhone 2, and unplugged certain sections of the cord to cut off power. In an attempt to deter future theft of power with the cords, Rangers cut off the ends on the extension cords. Rangers also pulled down



wire and rope which was tied up high into the trees. As Rangers were leaving the area, some of the construction site workers thanked Rangers.

April 13th, 2023 - 1105hrs - Rangers DON, ANDERSON and CAMERON attended Vanier Park at 0816hrs to follow up with the large camp in the forest. Upon arrival, Rangers could smell smoke again, but could not see any. The burning smell was likely coming from s.22(1) structure, where they still have a wood burning stove inside of their structure. Rangers approached and introduced themselves, and s.22(1) responded from within. Rangers requested they pop their head out for a chat. After a couple of minutes, s.22(1) popped his head out. Ranger DON asked if the couple had an active fire currently burning inside of their structure, to which s.22(1) said no. Ranger DON reminded him that he cannot have fires in the forest. Ranger DON then asked s.22(1) if he had any propane tanks or other flammables in his structure, or around his structure, as VFRS will likely come in or give the go ahead to remove them, if they don't remove the tanks themselves. s.22(1) said he understood, but didn't have any, and suggested Rangers speak with s.22(1). Rangers headed down the hill to speak with s.22(1). At first s.22(1) didn't respond, but when Ranger DON informed him that VFRS would be contacted for assistance as there were reports of propane tanks and flammables being brought into the camp, s.22(1) responded. Rangers asked s.22(1) if he had any propane tanks or flammables inside of his structure, to which he said yes. Rangers asked him to remove them immediately, and s.22(1) said he would drag them out to the edge of the Music Academy parking lot. Rangers to follow up and see if he brought any out, and to contact Propane Depot to remove any propane tanks.

April 18th, 2023 - 1003hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0703hrs to check on the camp and see if there were any fires, and damage to Parks infrastructure, and to see if there was any propane tanks moved to the edge of the parking lot to be removed. Ranger DON conducted a check of the parking lot, but did not locate any propane tanks. Ranger DON also made sure the light poles had not been broken into again, which they hadn't. A check of the construction site fence to make sure extension cords weren't going onto the construction site, turned up clear. Finally Ranger DON checked and smelled for fires, but there was no sight, or smell of fire or smoke at this time. The trails and slopes have gotten really muddy, and footing can be slippery.

April 18th, 2023 - 0820hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 1202hrs to follow up with the large camp, check for propane tanks put on the trail, and issue bylaw warning notices for violations. Upon arrival, Ranger DON entered the forest from the west side of the trail system, and noticed a group of residents being filmed by CTV news. Ranger DON checked the trail area for any extension cords leading to light poles, but did not locate any. While doing this, a resident and the news crew spotted Ranger DON and came over to speak with him. The resident asked Ranger DON if Rangers were planning to deal with the issue, and Ranger DON requested the conversation wasn't recorded, which CTV news agreed to. Ranger DON informed the resident that Rangers have been working with different organizations and departments in the city, as well as with the campers, to try and remove items, and to eventually have the individuals leave the park. The resident was requesting a quicker timeline, and didn't like the answer Ranger DON gave her with regards to something of this size takes time and requires heavy machinery which needs drier weather. The resident then stormed off in a huff. The news crew asked Ranger DON if it was ok to speak with the campers, and record Rangers inside of the camp, which Ranger DON agreed to, but requested that no conversations between Rangers and the campers were recorded. Ranger DON then approached s.22(1) camp, and called out from a distance. s.22(1) responded from within and said that s.22(1) wasn't there. Ranger DON requested she come out to speak with Ranger DON, which she did. Ranger DON asked her if she had any fires burning inside of her tent, or any flammables or propane tanks currently inside of her tent, to which she said no. s.22(1), and she went down to tell s.22(1) not home at this time. s.22(1) and Ranger DON witnessed a few propane tanks inside. Ranger DON requested s.22(1) speak with s.22(1) get him to bring the propane tanks to the edge of the music academy parking lot so they could be properly recycled. s.22(1) agreed to this and then informed Ranger DON that she had not been responsible for any of the extension cords or fires. Ranger DON said he understood, and informed s.22(1) that he would still be issuing bylaw warning notices to s.22(1) for violating Section 2 - damaging a park, and Section 14(j) of the Parks Control Bylaw. For the violation of Section 2, Ranger DON wrote warning ticket #4792 and gave it to s.22(1) which she said she would do. Ranger DON also encouraged her to convince s.22(1) not to have any more fires inside of the wooded area, or VFRS may attend and issue them a fine, or possibly a fire order for the immediate removal of the structure and all items in and around it. s.22(1) said she understood and would speak with s.22(1). After Ranger DON disengaged from the conversation, s.22(1) Ranger DON cleared the park before anything further could be requested of him.

April 23rd, 2023 - 1130hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0805hrs for a follow up with large camp in the forest. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a patrol around the outside of the camp, and located a



hose connected to the pond and led to s.22(1) large structure. Rangers cut the end of the hose to prevent any future damage of the park to have the hose plugged into a water source.

While Rangers were walking back to the camp area, Rangers heard very loud banging, or hammering, coming from s.22(1) camp. It sounded like s.22(1) may have been building something, or adding something onto his structure. Rangers were unable to see from a distance from the North side of his camp.

Rangers then approached s.22(1) camp and noticed they have added an addition onto their camp, which is another large tarp over the front area. This section was about 6 foot by 6 foot by 7 feet tall. Rangers asked s.22(1) what the extension was being used for, and he said it was being used as storage for the stuff they wanted to keep from the large pile outside of their camp. He said the other stuff they will bring to the trail for Rangers to remove.

Rangers asked s.22(1) if s.22(1) was home, and s.22(1) said he had seen him leave earlier in the day. Rangers asked if he had mentioned anything about collecting his propane tanks and bringing them to the parking lot, as had been requested of him. Rangers said s.22(1) had also spoke with him about this, and that VFRS had requested this happen, or else a fire order may be given to go into the camps and remove all flammables s.22(1) s.22(1) and would ask her when she got up, and said he would also remind s.22(1) when he got back. Rangers encouraged them to continue with progress of bringing their garbage out to the trail for Rangers to collect and remove.

As Rangers disengaged, they took note of just how muddy and swampy the area was. The little pathway down the hill to the parking lot of the Music Academy was completely saturated and very slippery. The main trail which Rangers would use to drive trucks in to remove the garbage/items, was too swampy to safely bring the vehicles in. Any removal of items, even the garbage, will need to wait for drier weather.

May 10th, 2023 - 1059hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0854hrs for reports of people setting up a camp in the Music Academy parking lot. Upon arrival, Ranger DON was approached s.22(1)

s.22(1) He said people had been coming into the parking lot bringing items. Ranger DON looked further south in the parking lot and located a large pile of items taking up 3 parking spots. Rangers DON informed the s.22(1) that he would go and speak with the individuals, as they were likely the ones camping in the forest. After the s.22(1), Ranger DON left his

truck to go speak with the individuals. Ranger DON witnessed from a distance, s.22(1) all barking. Ranger DON approached and recognized the male immediately as s.22(1) s.22(1) Ranger DON asked them if the items were theirs, or if they belonged to s.22(1) who were supposed to be bringing garbage and items they want removed, down to the parking lot. At first s.22(1) said the items weren't his, but when Ranger DON said they would be removed as they were considered garbage being brought down by the people in the encampment, s.22(1) then claimed them as his, but then became very dismissive when Ranger DON asked him what he was planning to do with them. Ranger DON then informed s.22(1) that he was actually on Private Property as the lot belonged to the Music Academy, and VPD could be c for trespassing if they did not want him on their premises. s.22(1) and went on about how he didn't care and VPD wouldn't do anything as they have allowed the large encampment in the forest to stay for months. The items s.22(1) had in the parking lot were 2 carts full of wood, 1 cart full of cement bags, some cinder blocks, 2 large blue tarps, and a couple carts full of suitcases.

While Ranger DON was speaking with s.22(1), another couple males on bikes arrived. Ranger DON recognized one of them from previously being at Crab Park. s.22(1)

s.22(1) Due to the number of individuals, Ranger DON disengaged back to his truck. Ranger DON monitored from afar inside of his truck, took notes and photos. While in his truck, Ranger DON witnessed s.22(1) and the other 2 males go up the hill towards the large encampment. Ranger DON got out of his truck and went up the pathway into the forest in the NW corner of the forest. From a distance, Ranger DON could see 5 or 6 people in and around s.22(1) tent. Ranger DON could also smell fire, and could see about s.22(1) by the camp. Ranger DON proceeded to walk along the trail on the west side of the forest, towards the Senakw construction site.

Once Ranger DON got a better angle and could see clearly into the camp, it was noticed that there were another 2 new extensions on s.22(1) structure, plus what looked like the beginning of another structure beside it with a tarp, patio umbrella, and a very large pile of miscellaneous items. In the location where s.22(1) s.22(1) had been putting aside there garbage, there was now a pile of full garbage bags, along with the blue tote, which would equal about 2-3 truckloads of items to remove. Ranger DON was also able to observe an ever increasing pile of bikes, bike parts and bike tires, just outside of s.22(1) camp. Ranger DON did not proceed any further in, but took photos of what he could observe from where he was. Ranger DON then went to the area where s.22(1) had previously had a fire pit, before Rangers dismantled it. In the same location, Ranger DON found a new fire pit, with freshly burned logs. Ranger DON also took photos of this.

With nothing further Ranger DON could do safely, Ranger DON disengaged back to his truck. Once back in his truck, Ranger DON witnessed a couple females hauling carts full of items down the street and into the forest.

Ranger DON was able to get a photo of them from behind as they hauled the carts into the forest. Finally, as Ranger DON was departing the parking lot, another 2 individuals with carts full of items were seen at the south end



of the parking lot, walking towards the east area of the forest. Ranger DON was unable to get a photo of them before they had pushed the carts up the pathway into the forest.

May 23rd, 2023 - 1317hrs - Rangers DON, MACKINTOSH and PARK attended Cultural Harmony Grove at 1231hrs for regular patrols. Upon arrival, Rangers located an umbrella and tarp structure along the north edge of the park. Rangers approached and introduced themselves, s.22(1). Ranger DON walked around to the open side and recognized the couple as s.22(1). Ranger DON asked them if they knew of the fire in their camp in Vanier, and s.22(1) jumped up shocked asking about it. Ranger DON informed the couple that they had put it out with a fire extinguisher, but that Rangers were not thrilled that neither they, nor s.22(1) were home with the fire burning. Ranger DON informed them that an individual named s.22(1) s.22(1) Rangers then informed s.22(1) that on June 6th, VFRS would be attending the camp with Rangers and all flammables would be removed, even if they were inside of the structures. s.22(1) acknowledged the information. Finally, Ranger DON asked the couple why they were in a structure at Cultural Harmony Grove and not in their large structure in Vanier, and they said they needed a break from the forest. Ranger DON asked them how long they planned on being where they were, and they said they would be gone by the morning.

2023-05-23 - 13:09 hrs - At 12:20 hrs, Park Ranger PARK (118) Ranger MACKINTOSH (36) and LEAD Ranger DON (64) attended Vanier Park in full uniform with the City Vehicle C5502 to follow up on a case involving a fire. Upon arrival, Rangers requested safety timer prior to approaching the encampment. Rangers observed s.22(1) s.22(1) in regards to the fire. Rangers proceeded down the encampment next to s.22(1) tent and spotted a pit fire which was still lit. Ranger PARK grabbed a fire extinguisher off of the truck and completely put out the fire. Fire at the pit appeared to be contained. Rangers cleared at 12:37 hrs.

May 23rd, 2023 - 1410hrs - Rangers DON, MACKINTOSH and PARK attended Vanier Park at 1215hrs for reports of a fire in the area. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a patrol of the encampment area, and checked s.22(1) s.22(1) camp, s.22(1) camp, and the 2 new extensions from s.22(1) camp. There was a lot more items and garbage outside of the camp, and about 3 truckloads of garbage now beside the trail. Rangers approached the encampment and called out to s.22(1), but received no answer. Rangers walked around to the back side of the large tarp structure to check on the extension, and noticed a s.22(1) one of the extensions. Rangers called out to the individual who woke up and said his name was s.22(1). When asked where s.22(1) were, he said he did not know. Rangers informed him that VFRS would be attending with Rangers on June 6th to remove all flammables from the camp. Rangers requested s.22(1) pass along this messaging to the others in the camp, which s.22(1) said he would do.

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - 13:21 hours - Rangers ANDERSON (8) and CAMERON (110) attended Vanier Park in full uniform at 09:02 hours for priority park patrol. Rangers loaded one truckload of garbage from a pile on the path adjacent the encampment. Ranger BIRK (125) and BOURDAIN (128) were also present and removed one truckload of garbage. Rangers cleared at 09:27 hours.

June 5th, 2023 - 1356hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 1106hrs to inform the camp residents of Rangers and VFRS attending tomorrow to remove all flammables. Rangers spoke with s.22(1) who was outside of her structure. s.22(1) said s.22(1) was not home, so Rangers informed just her that Rangers and VFRS would be on scene tomorrow to remove all flammables, including propane tanks, jerry cans and other fuel sources. s.22(1) said that was fine, and asked if it was actually going to happen this time, with Ranger DON replying that it had already been arranged by fire. Ranger DON also informed s.22(1) to clear out access to her structure, as VFRS may be entering the structure to check for flammables and other combustibles. s.22(1) seemed shocked at this and then just said "whatever" and went inside her structure.

June 5th, 2023 - 1356hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 1106hrs to inform the camp residents of Rangers and VFRS attending tomorrow to remove all flammables. Rangers approached s.22(1) massive structure and noticed propane tanks, jerry cans of fuel, and barbecues all around the outside of his camp. Rangers called out to s.22(1) who came out of his camp. Rangers informed s.22(1) that Rangers and VFRS would be attending tomorrow to remove all flammables from the camp and forest. Rangers also informed s.22(1) to clear access to inside of his camp, as VFRS will likely need to enter his structure to check for flammables and combustibles. s.22(1) was understanding, and didn't seem phased. Rangers noticed s.22(1) on a stand beside the entrance to his camp. This info will be relayed in the briefing on scene tomorrow.

June 6th, 2023 - 1254hrs - Rangers DON, OTHMAN, FLORES, BUSH, PARK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park with VFRS at 1010hrs to enforce the removal of all flammables and combustibles inside of the forest/camp area. Upon arrival, Rangers and VFRS started with s.22(1) camp, and approached and introduced



themselves. There was no response from inside of the camp, and Rangers tried again for contact, but yelled out much louder, with no response still. Rangers walked around the camp to see if there was any visual of the inside of the camp, but Rangers were unable to locate any. After Rangers had spoken with s.22(1) yesterday, requesting the put their flammables outside of the camp, there were no items put out for removal. Rangers then spoke with s.22(1) who informed Rangers that s.22(1) were not home and he did not know where they had gone. Rangers and VFRS disengaged from s.22(1) camp with no items were removed.

June 6th, 2023 - 1305hrs - Rangers DON, OTHMAN, FLORES, BUSH, PARK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park with VFRS at 1010hrs to enforce the removal of flammables and combustibles from the forest and camps. After interacting with s.22(1) camps, Rangers moved along to s.22(1) wooden structure. Rangers approached s.22(1) camp and called out, with s.22(1) responding from inside. s.22(1) came out, and point to the large pile of propane tanks, situated in the bushes to the east of his camp. Rangers began removing the tanks, and while removing them, pulled back carpet and other covers, and located many, many more propane tanks. Rangers and VFRS removed all of the propane tanks from the camp, under the watchful eye of s.22(1) as well as a CTV News crew. While removing the tanks, Rangers also located and removed a 5.3 USG Jerry can partly full of fuel. Also removed was a Honda 2000i generator, as well as some car batteries, and chemical containers. In total, Rangers removed eighty 7.7kg propane tanks, 1 large propane tank for forklifts, 1 jerry can of fuel, 1 generator with fuel inside of it, 3 small barbecue propane cannisters, and 5 aerosol cans of chemicals. Rangers contacted Propane Depot to remove all the tanks Rangers had pulled from the forest, and staged in the parking lot. However, due to the amount of propane tanks, Propane Depot cannot attend to remove the propane tanks until tomorrow. Rangers moved the tanks to a more secluded area of the parking lot, and placed cones around the propane tanks. Photos of the tanks on Lead DON and OTHMAN's phones. Rangers and VFRS cleared shortly afterwards.

July 6th, 2023 - 1524hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0835hrs for regular morning patrols. Upon arrival, Ranger DON conducted a patrol of the forest to get an update on the size of camp and any new updates on anything related to the camp. While patrolling the forest, Ranger DON encountered multiple new wooden structures, tents, and tarp structures. Due to being solo, Ranger DON did not engage with any of the structures. Ranger DON did document all camps, and also took notice of electrical cords and water hoses providing electricity and water to the structures in the camp. Ranger DON also extinguished a smouldering fire pit. While on patrol, Ranger DON also encountered 2 individuals outside of their tents in the middle of the forest. Ranger DON asked if the tents were theirs, and they said they were there with a few other people also sleeping in the tents. The s.22(1) but didn't like it. The individuals refused to give their names, and Ranger DON did not recognize them. Again, due to being solo, Ranger DON didn't press forward with any enforcement. Once Ranger DON was at a safe distance, he took a photo of the 2 individuals. Ranger DON disengaged from the forest after documenting all of the new issues.

July 11th, 2023 - 1330hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0944hrs for a patrol of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Rangers smelled a strong smell of smoke. Rangers checked the forest and located a large campfire in front of one of the smaller wooden structures. As Rangers approached, Rangers found the occupant of the camp to be out front of the camp. Rangers recognized the male as s.22(1) was also the s.22(1). Rangers were firm with informing s.22(1) there is zero tolerance for any sort of flame right now as it is at extreme fire danger rating. s.22(1) asked if Rangers wanted some coffee, to which Rangers declined and requested he extinguish the flames immediately. s.22(1) said he would do it immediately and went to grab a bucket of water. Rangers also informed s.22(1) that he cannot be s.22(1) VPD and heavy equipment to take out all the invasive plant species in the forest, and all encampments close by.

July 13th, 2023 - 1328hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0746hrs with VFRS to conduct a patrol of the forest and camp area. VFRS was there to check for active fires. Rangers and VFRS conducted a patrol of the forest and did not locate any active fires. Ranger DON noticed a few camp residents outside of their tents /structures during the patrol. After VFRS had cleared, Ranger DON went back to speak with those individuals. Ranger went to s.22(1) camp on the south fence line of the forest, but s.22(1) had left within the past 5 minutes. He still had his fire pit which looked to have been used on a regular basis, but it was not smouldering. His camp has s.22(1)

Ranger DON moved along to the other new wooden structure, which continues to grow with junk and now has a gazebo tent with bike parts underneath it. We have still not yet seen any inhabiting the wooden structure, so it may just be a very large storage area/landfill.

Moving along to the group of 4 tents, where Ranger DON had seen a couple individuals out front of it on the first patrol around. The 2 individuals had put up a drop cloth around one of the entrances through the gully. As Ranger



DON approached, he recognized one of the individuals as s.22(1) who lives in the massive tarp structure with s.22(1). Ranger DON asked s.22(1) if any of the tents were hers, or if she knew the individuals. s.22(1) as just helping "her new neighbour" set up some privacy drapes around her tent. The other female, who refused to give her name, said she had moved in from Crab Park. Ranger DON informed s.22(1) and the other female that they should begin packing up their items in preparation to leave the park, as Park operations was going to be bringing in heavy machinery to clear the forest of all invasive plant species. The encampments would need to be dismantled before that, and heavy machinery would be used to tear them down. s.22(1) argued that it was first nations land, and that could not happen. Ranger DON corrected her and pointed to where the first nations property started. Ranger DON also encouraged her to use a city computer at a library, and look up the owner/organization responsible for the forest area, and she would see it is the Parksboard. s.22(1) then tried arguing that she had been told before that it was a sensitive ecosystem. Ranger DON informed her that yes, it had previously been, but it has now been destroyed by her and the other campers. Eagles are no longer nesting in the area because of the consistent smoke from fires, noise and the construction from beside the forest. s.22(1) tried arguing that she has seen eagles flying above, which Ranger DON agreed with her that there have likely been many flying above, but none are nesting there. Next s.22(1) tried arguing that a Coyote frequents the area, and destroying the forest with heavy machinery would destroy its habitat. Ranger DON responded to this stating Coyotes are not a protected species, and they are very adaptive and would have no problem moving away from the forest. Finally, s.22(1) informed Ranger DON that they would not be moving, and would solidify their structure more and make barriers to prevent machinery from coming in. Ranger DON informed her that it may lead to them getting detained and moved from the area, or arrested for preventing staff from conducting their work. s.22(1), so Ranger DON disengaged and said Rangers would follow up at another time.

Ranger DON proceeded to walk around the forest, and check out s.22(1) camp from the backside of it. Ranger DON spotted numerous propane tanks inside of his structure, and also noticed about 10 propane tanks dumped in the ditch which had previously held the majority of the 85 propane tanks previously removed about a month ago. Ranger DON did not call out to see if s.22(1) was home, but took photos of the propane tanks on his lead phone. Ranger DON also noticed he had re-attached a new hose after Rangers had cut the previous one. Water was leaking out of the hose at a considerable rate, which Ranger DON also took a photo of, and noted due to water restrictions.

On the way out of the forest and back to his truck, Ranger DON noticed an individual working on building a wooden frame around the new tent, which had been set up outside of s.22(1) structure. The male was using a power saw and hammer to put together walls for his structure. The next time Rangers attend, the gazebo tent of his will likely be fortified with lumber. Ranger DON did not take a photo so that the individual did not notice him at this time.

July 25th, 2023 - 1325hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0717hrs with VPD and Park Ops to conduct an assessment of the forest in preparation of a planned decampment of all of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Ranger DON met with CST Cristina BRANCO, who is the new Problem Property Inspector for the VPD. Also on scene was Cal, a VPD Staff Sergeant for District 4, a VPD Business Unit Officer, and 2 officers from patrol. Superintendent Rob SIMS from the west area Park Ops, as well as one of his heavy machinery operators were also on scene.

Ranger DON and VPD entered the camp to speak with each of the occupants of a planned visit on Thursday, from Sue BAKER, director of outreach and homelessness services for the City of Vancouver.

Ranger DON acted as contact for each encampment, with CST BRANCO acting as cover the majority of the time. The first camp which was approached was s.22(1)' massive tarp structure. Ranger DON approached and called out, but received no response. Rangers and VPD noted multiple bikes and bike parts, all of which had their serial numbers scratched off. In the past, s.22(1) as their way of making money. Rangers checked around the other side of s.22(1) structure, to check on s.22(1) tarp structure, but s.22(1) was also not home. Ranger DON noticed there was a smell of fire and smoke coming from the fire pit outside of s.22(1) structure. Ranger DON noticed the coals were still warm, and had likely been used for a fire earlier in the morning. Ranger DON continued calling out to see if s.22(1) was around, but received no answer. Ranger DON noticed the entrance to the tarp structure was open, so Ranger DON peeked inside. The structure was full of bedding, clothes, storage racks, tools, and other miscellaneous items. Just outside of their tent, VPD noticed a machete and a large knife, which they photographed and removed. One VPD CST was taking video and photos the entire time and stated he would be sending them to Deputy Chief Howard CHOW. As Rangers and VPD were clearing s.22(1) site, as well as s.22(1) 5 propane tanks were noticed in the garbage pile outside of their structure, as well as a full Jerry Can, likely of fuel.

Rangers moved along to s.22(1) camp, and called out for s.22(1). A different male responded and said s.22(1) was not there, and that he was the "caretaker" of s.22(1) structure. Ranger DON requested the male come out and speak with him, so that it would be easier to communicate. The male refused to do so, and told Ranger DON to "fuck off". CST BRANCO then called out to the male stating it was the VPD, and the male ignored her requests for communication. Rangers and VPD moved around to the east side entrance to s.22(1) structure, and noticed the tarp was slightly open, allowing Ranger DON and VPD to see inside. Ranger DON noticed propane tanks on the floor



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s.22(1) After getting this info, VPD chose not to ID him, and just went with the name s.22(1) said his name was - s.22(1). While Ranger DON and VPD were engaged with the group, Ranger DON witnessed s.22(1) ride through the BMX area, towards her tarp structure. Ranger DON and VPD then disengaged from the 3 individuals and then noticed from a distance the group packing up the tent.

Finally, Rangers and VPD made their way back to s.22(1) camp to speak with s.22(1) came out of her structure, and was informed that Sue BAKER from City Outreach would be attending on Thursday.

s.22(1) stated that she has already spoken with Sue before and she did nothing for s.22(1). s.22(1) said she will not go into an SRO and will likely turn down any housing offered by Sue. s.22(1) asked why their garbage they had piled beside the trail had not been picked up, with Ranger DON replying that when a bin was placed for them to put their garbage in, as requested, they did not use it, so the bin was removed.

s.22(1) complained that the garbage was bringing rats and they wanted it to be removed as soon as possible. VPD did not have any other questions for s.22(1) and said they looked forward to speaking with her again in the future. As Ranger DON and VPD were disengaging, s.22(1) rode back into the camp. VPD asked s.22(1) a couple of questions, but he did not answer any of them and just ignored officers. VPD chose not to push the issue any longer, and Ranger DON and VPD disengaged from the forest.

Back in the parking lot, Ranger DON, VPD and Park Ops coordinated and discussed next steps, and including s.13(1).

August 1st, 2023 - 1516hrs - From Ranger GUERIN - Hi all, here are some updates for today at Vanier. Myself, and Sue Baker attended and spoke to the following:

1. s.22(1). They are fully aware of the bylaw, and that this cannot be permanent. s.22(1) is adamant against any form of outreach and the only thing he will move for is s.22(1). s.22(1) is quite eager and willing but will only do so/follows s.22(1). Their structure has a full boulder enclosed furnace, and is dug a trench below the surface. Surrounding them is multiple cut up bike pieces, and they are continuing to dig deeper around them.

2. Directly beside is the "warehouse" belonging to s.22(1) - who refused to exit the structure with the approx.. 6 others



inside. The large amount of digging into full stair cases, ripping out roots and dipping multiple feet deep into an unsupported staircase is such a hazard. We entered the structure from the east or 'backdoor' side where the individuals still did not answer but an s.22(1) was present.

a. s.22(1) was extremely hesitant to speak to myself and Sue, stating the years of discrimination makes him refuse to speak to anyone. Sue spoke highly of MPA, and I spoke highly of protocol for s.22(1). When mentioning that s.22(1) became noticeably lighter and talked more about options. s.22(1) was under the misunderstanding that the area was lease land, but isn't incorrect in his preference as s.22(1) – I would loop in Reena at some point here ASAP.

3. s.22(1) – red tent north section (\*\*NEW) wasn't present at his structure but was hanging with s.22(1) was very receptive to MPA and outreach services, s.22(1) but now that he's seeking shelter at Vanier, he isn't able to connect. He stated clearly he will be going to MPA right now to connect and will update.

4. s.22(1) – south middle section s.22(1) He stated his name times of distrust in his previous SROs (s.22(1)) of connecting to outreach again. s.22(1) is very willing for outreach once Sue spoke of MPA, and will be going to s.22(1) today. s.22(1)

5. s.22(1) green permanent structure south at fence, delivered flyer but was not home. He wrote "call me, s.22(1)

6. s.22(1) – clear plastic multi structure south of BMX; stated they're packing and moving currently, would love some Ranger assistance as they are doing it all 'by bike' but willing to go. I spoke highly of MPA, s.22(1) during the day but have a bunch of friends coming.

Sue left, Ranger DON came.

I returned back to give water to the residences – immediately the apprehension once again from all residences who were super cordial and willing with me was now gone due to other Ranger intimidating presence.

I see continued presence from myself, and consistent communication will definitely help. But I will need VPD later to help with those in s.22(1) structure.

Also, maybe a timeline of the up and coming to better equip myself.

s.13(1)

The environmental impact, fire hazards, and low visibility and egress is now so much worse than I remember.  
2023/08/05 - 1314hrs

On Aug.05, 2023, at approximately 1202hrs, Rangers BIRK (125) and SIDHU (136) attended Vanier Park, driving marked VPR truck B5852, in full uniform for proactive patrol. Rangers observed smoke coming from the forested area near the homeless encampment. As Rangers approached the camp site, they could smell a wood fire. Rangers entered the forest area and located the small wood campfire. Individual responsible for starting the fire identified himself to Rangers as s.22(1) and stated he had been using the fire to cook food. Rangers informed s.22(1) that wood fires are not permitted in the Park and of the associated fire risk in the forest given the dry conditions. s.22(1) was instructed to extinguish the fire. Rangers stood-by until fire was completely extinguished using a bucket of water. Rangers departed from area at approximately 1228hrs.

August 15th, 2023 - 1314hrs - Taylor's summary from Vanier. Hi all,

As requested from you all personally, I've attached a few more into this spark notes e-mail chain for update from today.

GUERIN, RICHTER, PARK and BUSH all attended Vanier and met with Sue, Betty and two MPA Outreach Shay and Lane.

When Rangers arrived, ex-PB Commissioner Tricia Barker was on site asking about updates to Vanier and her s.22(1).

Entering the forested area, going off of the super high-tech map (as I've attached once again):

· KEVIN – again not home, no change to his camp area or tent itself, it was stated that he hasn't been seen in about a week

s.22(1) – s.22(1), s.22(1) told me previously he was moving but by bike and couldn't leave. No change to their camp, large presence of feces, Rangers removed all large structure items except for queen soiled mattress. (will attach photos with more time tomorrow)

· s.22(1) – on site, spoke with MPA workers, still is stating that until s.22(1)

s.22(1), is very willing. Kerry (Ministry of Poverty Reduction) as attached into this e-mail, have been informed and to help assist with RCMP and previously successful in obtaining assistance s.22(1)

s.22(1). I've spoken to other VPD members to assist with this as it's an easy fix

· s.22(1) – not on site, area hasn't moved, it's been stated that he's been around but is having s.22(1)

s.22(1) MPA drop in has not met him/he has not attended



· Previous s.22(1) – Rangers removed a few large battery packs/chargers/new tools that found new on site to bring to proper office. Will still need Sanitation for removal, and still not being used as a residence.

· s.22(1) – nobody would speak to me from s.22(1) camp today, but Kerry stated they just spoke to him this AM and are likely inside ignoring Rangers. Approx. 35 propane tanks on site, and 10 car batteries in a pile in the sun in the bushes (again, photos more time)

· Mid path outside s.22(1) camp is a large muddy puddle happening due to 10 hoses connected to a water outlet at the BMX track being abused by the campers; w3w shades.grocers.overhaul – I asked Uultsje to get it water turned off.

· s.22(1) – ignored Rangers at first when attending with outreach services, but connected after with Kerry and Andre on site. s.22(1) stated clearly that he does not think Parks can/will actually do anything and they're not worried about having to move

- Messaging for all was the same; to continue working towards structures that can pack down, and to support them with obtaining and more safe area to seek shelter in.

- Rangers had a 3-ton dump truck come provided from Rob Simms team which was easily filled with s.22(1) remaining garbage but without a lift gate and due to heat hazard Rangers didn't overly fill it

- Rangers removed one moped scooter and multiple laptops and bike frames to the property office for theft

- Rangers removed two truckloads of garbage from the ditch dump area and 6 full rat-ribbed garbage bags outside s.22(1) (approx. 25 bags and 2 full bins remain)

To highlight hazards obvious to the eye are:

- Approx. 11 seen fire pits

- The large amount of fecal matter (including two filled feces buckets outside s.22(1) encampment)

- The rat infestation from the food presence

- The fire hazards of multiple thrown and piled propane tanks in the heat as well as multiple leaking car batteries

- The connected hoses across the park as a tripping hazard creating a man-made lake that the campers have placed mats over now to avoid the slipping muddy hazard

- The stolen plastic from the BMX track to maintain that public course

- Rangers on one encampment removed one pick-axe and 17 knives

- The 3-6ft deep trench being created for stairs/further structure building

o Not only a tripping hazard but when the rain comes this will create a full mud slide for the encampments

o The exposed and massively tree exposed tree roots will also create environmental disaster when the rain comes for flooding and falling old growth

- The large display of stolen bike pieces/goods creating further crime in the area as well as now aggressive unstable relationships within the encampment themselves

I could name much more. I appreciate all and any support on this and am so thankful for all those who came today.

· s.22(1) – confirmed by all that he is not returning and his encampment area can be removed

· s.22(1) – fecal mattress remains and a few pieces of garbage but no movement on someone else moving into the area since we cleaned out 3 ton truck load

· s.22(1) – on site, spoke with MPA and Ministry, received the new Vanier park notice. Has obtained new legal aid and assistance, there is movement on all sides to obtain social assistance. s.22(1), he is still very willing.

· s.22(1) – on site, s.22(1). Is receptive to housing and assistance, did go to MPA and attend courses, MPA mentioned music classes at the drop in and s.22(1) was very receptive, will accept housing options but hesitant from s.22(1). Has mentioned issues with s.22(1)

s.22(1) Also received the park notice, and has been made aware to clean the area, and the adjacent

s.22(1) structure will be removed – he was fine with all of this

· s.22(1) – remove

· s.22(1) – not on site, but does still connect with Ministry(Kerry) but knows to ignore Rangers. BILLY was on site at the structure and I redirected s.22(1). The photos taken of all the now hidden propane tanks/car batteries, further piles of garbage accumulating attached. The mud slide pile with hoses still continues to grow.

· s.22(1) – not on site, they've added another "room" and continuing to grow. Their furnace was active (could smell) but neither of them on site. The amount of bike parts has multiplied. I left a notice in their new room. We removed another full truck load of garbage bags on the trail at the end of their pathway; there's likely another 3 loads at that pile of theirs.

Action Items:

1. Involve sanitation ASAP for clean up, were hitting a stalemate and it's too much for one Ranger truck, if sanitation cannot come, that Rob Simms 3-ton truck will also do with more Ranger help with someone who can remove mattress.

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Rangers then proceeded to drive 5 trucks into the forest trail, down into the gulley where there had been multiple abandoned camps sitting there for over 2 months. Rangers filled up 5 truckloads with the abandoned items and garbage, and those were also removed from the forest. The items were all soiled, and included tents, tarps, clothing, carpets, couch cushions, barbecues, and lots of random items with no significant value. After loading up the trucks, Rangers returned them to the parking lot, just as Sanitation was arriving on scene.

**s.22(1) CAMP:**

July 11th, 2023 - 1330hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0944hrs for a patrol of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Rangers smelled a strong smell of smoke. Rangers checked the forest and located a large campfire in front of one of the smaller wooden structures. As Rangers approached, Rangers found the occupant of the camp to be out front of the camp. Rangers recognized the male as **s.22(1)**

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**s.22(1)** Rangers were firm with  
informing **s.22(1)** there is zero tolerance for any sort of flame right now as it is at extreme fire danger rating. **s.22(1)** asked if Rangers wanted some coffee, to which Rangers declined and requested he extinguish the flames immediately. **s.22(1)** said he would do it immediately and went to grab a bucket of water. Rangers also informed **s.22(1)** that he cannot be camping in the forest, and he should begin packing his items up as Rangers would be coming in someday soon with VPD and heavy equipment to take out all the invasive plant species in the forest, and all encampments close by.

July 13th, 2023 - 1328hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0746hrs with VFRS to conduct a patrol of the forest and camp area. VFRS was there to check for active fires. Rangers and VFRS conducted a patrol of the forest and did not locate any active fires. Ranger DON noticed a few camp residents outside of their tents /structures during the patrol. After VFRS had cleared, Ranger DON went back to speak with those individuals. Ranger went to **s.22(1)** camp on the south fence line of the forest, but **s.22(1)** had left within the past 5 minutes. He still had his fire pit which looked to have been used on a regular basis, but it was not smouldering. His camp has **s.22(1)**

Ranger DON moved along to the other new wooden structure, which continues to grow with junk and now has a gazebo tent with bike parts underneath it. We have still not yet seen any inhabiting the wooden structure, so it may just be a very large storage area/landfill.

Moving along to the group of 4 tents, where Ranger DON had seen a couple individuals out front of it on the first patrol around. The 2 individuals had put up a drop cloth around one of the entrances through the gulley. As Ranger DON approached, he recognized one of the individuals as **s.22(1)**, who lives in the massive tarp structure with **s.22(1)**. Ranger DON asked **s.22(1)** if any of the tents were hers, or if she knew the individuals.

**s.22(1)** said she was just helping "her new neighbour" set up some privacy drapes around her tent. The other female, who refused to give her name, said she had moved in from Crab Park. Ranger DON informed **s.22(1)** and the other female that they should begin packing up their items in preparation to leave the park, as Park operations was going to be bringing in heavy machinery to clear the forest of all invasive plant species. The encampments would need to be dismantled before that, and heavy machinery would be used to tear them down. **s.22(1)** argued that it was first nations land, and that could not happen. Ranger DON corrected her and pointed to where the first nations property started. Ranger DON also encouraged her to use a city computer at a library, and look up the owner/organization responsible for the forest area, and she would see it is the Parksboard.

**s.22(1)** then tried arguing that she had been told before that it was a sensitive ecosystem. Ranger DON informed



her that yes, it had previously been, but it has now been destroyed by her and the other campers. Eagles are no longer nesting in the area because of the consistent smoke from fires, noise and the construction from beside the forest. s.22(1) tried arguing that she has seen eagles flying above, which Ranger DON agreed with her that there have likely been many flying above, but none are nesting there. Next s.22(1) tried arguing that a Coyote frequents the area, and destroying the forest with heavy machinery would destroy its habitat. Ranger DON responded to this stating Coyotes are not a protected species, and they are very adaptive and would have no problem moving away from the forest. Finally, s.22(1) informed Ranger DON that they would not be moving, and would solidify their structure more and make barriers to prevent machinery from coming in. Ranger DON informed her that it may lead to them getting detained and moved from the area, or arrested for preventing staff from conducting their work. s.22(1) so Ranger DON disengaged and said Rangers would follow up at another time.

Ranger DON proceeded to walk around the forest, and check out s.22(1) camp from the backside of it. Ranger DON spotted numerous propane tanks inside of his structure, and also noticed about 10 propane tanks dumped in the ditch which had previously held the majority of the 85 propane tanks previously removed about a month ago. Ranger DON did not call out to see if s.22(1) was home, but took photos of the propane tanks on his lead phone. Ranger DON also noticed he had re-attached a new hose after Rangers had cut the previous one. Water was leaking out of the hose at a considerable rate, which Ranger DON also took a photo of, and noted due to water restrictions.

On the way out of the forest and back to his truck, Ranger DON noticed an individual working on building a wooden frame around the new tent, which had been set up outside of s.22(1) structure. The male was using a power saw and hammer to put together walls for his structure. The next time Rangers attend, the gazebo tent of his will likely be fortified with lumber. Ranger DON did not take a photo so that the individual did not notice him at this time.

July 25th, 2023 - 1325hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0717hrs with VPD and Park Ops to conduct an assessment of the forest in preparation of a planned decampment of all of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Ranger DON met with CST Cristina BRANCO, who is the new Problem Property Inspector for the VPD. Also on scene was Cal, a VPD Staff Sergeant for District 4, a VPD Business Unit Officer, and 2 officers from patrol. Superintendent Rob SIMS from the west area Park Ops, as well as one of his heavy machinery operators were also on scene. Ranger DON and VPD entered the camp to speak with each of the occupants of a planned visit on Thursday, from Sue BAKER, director of outreach and homelessness services for the City of Vancouver.

Ranger DON and VPD moved along to s.22(1) camp on the south edge of the forest. s.22(1) has added to his wooden structure with more tarps and a fly new around his structure. s.22(1) came out of his structure and was polite and open in his conversation with Ranger DON and VPD. He was open in speaking s.22(1).

s.22(1) When Ranger DON informed s.22(1) that outreach would be there on Thursday to discuss options, s.22(1)

s.22(1) Ranger DON still encouraged him to speak with Sue BAKER when she comes, as there may be some options available to him, and there may be something she could do to assist. s.22(1) said he would be there on Thursday to speak with her. s.22(1) also pointed out that he has not had any fires since Rangers last visited and were firm with him about fires in a forest and park.

August 1st, 2023 - From Ranger GUERIN - 1. s.22(1) - green permanent structure south at fence, delivered flyer but was not home. He wrote "call me, s.22(1)" 2023/08/05 - 1314hrs

On Aug.05, 2023, at approximately 1202hrs, Rangers BIRK (125) and SIDHU (136) attended Vanier Park, driving marked VPR truck B5852, in full uniform for proactive patrol. Rangers observed smoke coming from the forested area near the homeless encampment. As Rangers approached the camp site, they could smell a wood fire.

Rangers entered the forest area and identified himself to Rangers as s.22(1) and stated he had been using the fire to cook food. Rangers informed s.22(1) that wood fires are not permitted in Park and of the associated fire risk in the forest given the dry condition s.22(1) was instructed to extinguish the fire. Rangers stood-by until fire was completely extinguished using a bucket of water. Rangers departed from area at approximately 1228hrs.

August 15th, 2023 - 1314hrs - Rangers GUERIN, RICHTER, PARK and BUSH attended Vanier Park with multiple departments for coordinated effort. s.22(1) - on site, spoke with MPA workers, still is stating that until s.22(1) s.22(1) is very willing. Kerry (Ministry of Poverty Reduction) as attached into this e-mail, have been informed and to help assist with RCMP and previously successful in obtaining assistance s.22(1). I've spoken to other VPD members to assist with this as it's an easy fix. A stolen Moped was removed from the camp and taken to the VPD property office.

September 4th, 2023 - 1259hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0940hrs to speak to all campers and remind them of the scheduled cleanup and removal with Rangers, Sanitation and VPD tomorrow morning. When Rangers got to s.22(1) wooden structure, Rangers found 2 other males there who said that s.22(1)



was no longer living there, and that they were now living in that location. Rangers weren't sure if they were telling the truth, so informed both of them of the scheduled removal tomorrow, and to inform s.22(1) of that info if s.22(1) came back.

s.22(1) CAMP:

July 25th, 2023 - 1325hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0717hrs with VPD and Park Ops to conduct an assessment of the forest in preparation of a planned decampment of all of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Ranger DON met with CST Cristina BRANCO, who is the new Problem Property Inspector for the VPD. Also on scene was Cal, a VPD Staff Sergeant for District 4, a VPD Business Unit Officer, and 2 officers from patrol. Superintendent Rob SIMS from the west area Park Ops, as well as one of his heavy machinery operators were also on scene. Ranger DON and VPD entered the camp to speak with each of the occupants of a planned visit on Thursday, from Sue BAKER, director of outreach and homelessness services for the City of Vancouver.

After Ranger DON and VPD left the gulley area, they encountered a green and grey tent in the SE corner of the forest. There were 3 individuals standing outside of the tent, 1 of which, Ranger recognized immediately as having been an occupant in one of the structures in the gulley. Because they just had a tent with minimal items inside of it, the group was educated on the bylaw, and encouraged to go to Cultural Harmony Grove and only set up their tent at dusk and be packed up and mobile by 8am each morning. The group said they would do that. VPD ID'd one of the males, s.22(1), and the female, s.22(1). Ranger DON also remembered the couple being camped at Sunset Beach not too long ago. The s.22(1)

s.22(1) After getting this info, VPD chose not to ID him, and just went with the name s.22(1) said his name was - s.22(1) While Ranger DON and VPD were engaged with the group, Ranger DON witnessed s.22(1) ride through the BMX area, towards her tarp structure. Ranger DON and VPD then disengaged from the 3 individuals and then noticed from a distance the group packing up the tent.

August 1st, 2023 - From Ranger GUERIN - 1. s.22(1) - clear plastic multi structure south of BMX; stated they're packing and moving currently, would love some Ranger assistance as they are doing it all 'by bike' but willing to go. I spoke highly of MPA, s.22(1) during the day but have a bunch of friends coming.

#### VANIER REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT:

2023-03-12 - 1323hrs - At 0812hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM attended Vanier Park and engaged with male s.22(1) in the encampment area. s.22(1) stated all individuals seeking shelter within the encampment were well and healthy. s.22(1) stated to Rangers they are aware the situation is temporary and are working closely with Carnegie to move into housing and continue supports with services provided. s.22(1) stated that they are awaiting the drying up of the lake to fully clean the area, and will be piling the items for pick up towards the goat trail at the north end of the Vancouver School of Music parking lot. Rangers noticed approx. 6 propane tanks, and the smell of burning was very obvious in the area. Rangers observed a makeshift chimney out with large burn marks on the surrounding tent of s.22(1) encampment (up the hill). Rangers took photos of the encampment, and leave the area without further issue 0830hrs.

March 21st, 2023 - 1254hrs - Rangers DON, NGUYEN, CAMERON, BUSH, JUNG, MESSAM and BIRK attended Vanier Park at 0855hrs with VFRS and VPD to issue an eviction to the campers, as well as remove all propane tanks, flammables, and anything else pointed out as a hazard by VFRS. Upon arrival, Rangers entered the camp and announced their presence to the campers. Rangers came across a large tarp structure consisting of different coloured tarps. The air around it smelled like something was burning, but no smoke was noticed. There was an incredible amount of items around the structure, so Rangers had to be careful to navigate around. Rangers did not receive a response from within the large structure, but there was a large opening on the NW side of the structure where Rangers could see in. Rangers saw a male and a female sleeping on a bed underneath covers, and Rangers shouted out to see if they would respond. This time they responded, and Ranger DON said Park Rangers, VFRS and VPD were on site and wanted to speak with them. The couple wanted 5 minutes to wake up and get dressed, which Rangers agreed to.

Rangers then moved along s.22(1) the very large "warehouse like" wooden structure down the embankment. Rangers knew an individual named s.22(1) had been staying there. Rangers called out to s.22(1) who responded. Rangers asked if s.22(1) could come out of the structure to speak with Rangers. Shortly after, s.22(1) popped his head out, and Rangers informed him that he would need to exit the camp for good, as Rangers would be giving the campers 24 hours to grab their essentials, and then Rangers would come in and start removing everything. Rangers informed s.22(1) that he didn't need to waste time dismantling things, as Rangers would look after that. s.22(1) was calm and said ok, and that he would be gone by the morning.

Rangers proceeded to move back up the embankment and speak with s.22(1) as he was now outside of the structure. Rangers called him by his name and asked how he was doing, and he said his name was s.22(1), and there wasn't anyone named s.22(1) here. Ranger DON pulled s.22(1) and name on it, and showed the male and asked if this was him, and he said "yes". Ranger DON then pointed to the name of that individual, s.22(1), and said is your name s.22(1)? The male responded yes, and then said he goes by the name s.22(1). Rangers then asked if s.22(1) and he responded yes.



Ranger DON then informed him that they are being given 24 hours to grab their essentials and leave the park, as Rangers would be returning tomorrow to begin removing all items from the area. s.22(1) originally argued saying this was Crown Land and they didn't need to move. But Ranger DON informed him that the land is actually leased to the Park Board, and Rangers could enforce the Park by-laws on Park Board property. s.22(1) then went back in the tent to grab something, and put his hood up, and stormed out of the park. Rangers informed s.22(1), who was still inside of the tent, just in case she hadn't heard what was educated to s.22(1). Rangers and VFRs then proceeded to walk around the forest removing all the abandoned propane tanks, and other items which VFRS pointed out. In total, Rangers removed 16 large propane tanks, 5 small propane tanks, a large BBQ and a couple stoves. These propane tanks were picked up and removed from the park by Propane Depot. Rangers also picked up and removed 5 needles from the forest.

March 22nd, 2023 - 1358hrs - Rangers DON, MAH, GUERIN, FLORES, LUONG, CAMERON, BUSH, JUNG, MESSAM, BIRK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park at 0813hrs to enforce the removal of items in the forest which s.22(1) and s.22(1) did not want to take with them. This was after speaking with them yesterday with regards to needing to be gone by this morning. Upon arrival, Ranger DON went to conduct a site assessment, but was intercepted by 2 homeless advocates, both with cameras. One of the advocates, s.22(1) has been spoken to numerous times before by Ranger DON. They questioned Ranger DON again as to why Rangers were asking them to leave their "homes". Ranger DON informed them that they were in an ecologically sensitive area, where they have had many fires, they have left propane tanks and chemicals laying around, as well as needles and drug paraphernalia. They then asked Ranger DON where the individuals were supposed to go since Rangers weren't housing them. Ranger DON informed them that outreach workers have spoken with them about housing, but the individuals have had no interest in moving indoors. Ranger DON also informed the advocates that the individuals are welcome to set up tents in other more open parks, which are not by schools, playgrounds or in ecologically sensitive areas. This is as long as they don't set their tent up before dusk, and have it packed up and mobile by 8am. Ranger DON also emphasized that once packed up by 8am, they are more than welcome to stay in the park just like everyone else, as they are not violating any bylaws, so Rangers would have no reason to speak with them. The advocates then argued that Rangers were forcing them to have a set wakeup time, where if they stayed in their current structures, they could get the proper rest they would need to work. Ranger DON informed them that they could not set up permanent structures in parks, to which the advocates argued that every housing unit on the planet is temporary, because someone's house could burn down or be demolished any day. Ranger DON did not comment on that, as he believed it was an inappropriate comparison. The advocates then asked for clarification on the bylaws surrounding the structures, and Ranger DON handed them the notice which had been printed up, stating each section of the bylaw the campers were in violation of. The advocates continued to ask questions, and asked what Ranger DON's thoughts were on VPD's handling of homeless people and why they needed to be on scene. Ranger DON informed them that he was not a part of VPD and could not answer that question, and then also answered that he has informed s.22(1) that he has had this conversation numerous times with him about why VPD is on scene sometimes. They asked if violence would break out with VPD on scene, and Ranger DON informed them that he could not predict the future. The advocates tried to get Ranger DON to answer questions relating to his moral compass on the matter, but Ranger DON ignored them and disengaged back to the parking lot to give the briefing to the team.

Once back in the parking lot, Ranger DON spoke with the VPD Sergeant on scene, and informed him of the plan. The Sergeant agreed and said they would follow the Ranger's lead. Ranger DON then briefed the team on the plan, and informed Ranger GUERIN that she would be Ranger DON's cover when they initiated contact with the campers, if the campers were still on scene. At this time, the City's homeless and housing director, Sue Baker, arrived on scene. Sue joined Rangers DON and GUERIN in their approach to the camp. As Rangers approached and introduced themselves, the advocates followed Rangers, recording them the entire time. After Rangers introduced themselves, s.22(1) answered from within. They wanted some time to get dressed before coming out of their camp, which Rangers agreed to. Rangers proceeded down to s.22(1) camp to speak with him, but Rangers did not receive an answer from s.22(1) camp. With VPD waiting on scene, Rangers were going to request VPD assistance to conduct s.22(1). Rangers disengaged back to the parking lot and found the plan had changed. VPD was no longer required on scene, and Rangers were going to try and connect the campers with outreach/shelter options for the time being, rather than conduct the removal.

Rangers GUERIN and DON, along with Sue Baker, approached and re-engaged with s.22(1) structure. After a few minutes, s.22(1) came out of the structure, and spoke with Ranger GUERIN. While speaking with Ranger GUERIN, s.22(1) gave the ok for Rangers to remove a pile of belongings which she said was garbage.

2023-03-22 - 1450hrs - At 0812hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM joined all the above Rangers in the School of Music Parking Lot for Vanier Park. Rangers were approached by the Director of Homeless Relations Sue BAKER. GUERIN stated that all the Ranger and VPD appearances could be really aggravating and to speak with them first. BAKER agreed, and GUERIN DON and BAKER went into the forest from the coat trail off the parking lot. At the top of the hill, Rangers were greeted by known advocate and filming s.22(1) as well as s.22(1), an advocate



from the s.22(1) and the manager of the online newspaper called Tye. s.22(1) immediately began to film, as Rangers and BAKER walked towards s.22(1) camp asking if Rangers had a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. Rangers ignored the request as s.22(1) has been given the copy multiple times in the past. Rangers continued into the camp where s.22(1) asked for approx. 10 min. s.22(1) also no answer below at the 'warehouse' in s.22(1) camp. Rangers and BAKER waited for s.22(1) to come out of the tent while they were joined by Superintendent DEJONG and other media relations. s.22(1) was continuously filming all actions of Rangers while DON gave a printed memo to s.22(1) as she appeared. BAKER introduced themselves and talked about the options for shelters currently available for the couple. s.22(1) pointed out a large pile of garbage that Rangers were able to clear out of the park. Multiple conversations went back and forth where BAKER would offer MPA outreach services, or the shelters available with s.22(1) stating she understands, yet has fear of SRO's and cannot make the decision for all who reside in the encampment. Rangers were joined shortly after by s.22(1) who stated they will only clear the area for a \$30mil mansion and began to deflect with requests for the park, and stating other individuals have come with maps stating it's Crown land and if the Queen herself doesn't come to inform them he has to go, he will not. GUERIN spoke at length about the Ranger storage program, which seemed quite intriguing to both parties to assist in their removal. s.22(1) seemed to speak in tangents about the military, which then both parties stated confidentially the s.22(1) no longer interested in shelters whatsoever as it was no longer an option. BAKER understood and removed themselves from the encampment area. At this time, Rangers were told the small pile of garbage can be removed from the area. As Rangers entered to begin clearing, a small fire was observed at the bottom of the lake with smoke beginning to rise rapidly. Advocates began to act distressed and fearful for s.22(1) s.22(1) immediately stated that s.22(1) who they have had issues with in the park previously. s.22(1) stated that they have made a serious connection with the community and have had no other negative feedback to their encampment. s.22(1) stated that Security at the washrooms have created a good rapport and have allowed them to use their showers, and washroom facilities at any time. s.22(1) stated that s.22(1) and that's how they "keep busy" and "make a living". s.22(1) stated that when their tent was at the pond area they knew the s.22(1) This was done by other campers who had previously shared the area. s.22(1) s.22(1) and advised them to come into the park s.22(1) that he's been here" this is the biggest lake he has ever seen and questioned if Parks staff had purposely made the pond deeper in an attempt to drown them. s.22(1) and advocates also questioned if Rangers were the ones who set the fire, which was currently burning, on purpose. GUERIN began to try to reason with s.22(1), stating the environmental impact and the boundaries of the Senakw project of Squamish nation and where the Park states. GUERIN read the Memorandum of Understanding verbatim stating that when the housing becomes available the powers will come to be removed and this is always meant to be a temporary structure/solution s.22(1) s.22(1) were compliant and kind to speak to but seemed to now be overwhelmed. GUERIN and s.22(1) agreed to have GUERIN return in an hour with a copy of the boundaries, and have BAKER return with a list to sit down and make a plan. GUERIN agreed and cleared the area without issue at 1020hrs. While this was happening, Ranger DON coordinated the removal of items with the other Rangers. After Rangers had removed the garbage pile beside s.22(1) camp, Rangers re-engaged with s.22(1) camp s.22(1) finally responded from within, and Rangers asked him if there was any garbage or unwanted items which Rangers could remove. s.22(1) said everything outside of his camp could be removed, which included bike frames, tires, assorted metal, soiled clothing and bedding, couch cushions, and other miscellaneous items. W/ s.22(1) removing these items, Ranger DON headed back to s.22(1) camp to speak with s.22(1) if they had any more items which Rangers could remove, to which s.22(1) said no. Ranger DON cleared from their camp, and as he was heading back towards his truck in the parking lot, he noticed an s.22(1) half way down the embankment of the pond, on the north side. s.22(1) off leash beside the pond. The male spotted Ranger DON and scurried back up the embankment, and exited the park via the north side trail. Ranger DON assumed he was just startled that someone in uniform was there and witnessed him with his dog off leash. As Ranger DON got closer to the trail leading down to the parking lot, he smelled something burning. Ranger DON looked down towards the pond, and saw smoke. When he got closer and looked down the embankment, Ranger DON spotted one of the piles of garbage which was now on fire. The flames engulfed about a 4 foot by 4 foot area. Already, the fire was too large for Rangers to put out with fire extinguishers, and the terrain was steep and difficult to navigate, so Ranger DON contacted 911 requesting assistance from VFRS. While waiting for VFRS, the fire was getting large quite quickly, and was beginning to emit black smoke. As VFRS arrived and began setting up their hoses, the fire was now at the base of one of the trees, ready to ignite the base of the tree at any second. Fire crews were able to extinguish the flames from the base of the tree, as well as everywhere in and around the pile of garbage, before any significant damage was done. Shortly after extinguishing the blaze, the Fire Inspector arrived on scene and determined the fire had been started by an outside source, and was not started from inside of the pile of garbage. Ranger DON informed the inspector of the individual he had seen scurry from the area, just before Ranger DON spotted the fire. The inspector noted a few bottles of alcohol in



the pile of garbage, which assisted in the fire spreading rapidly. A bottle was also found with a cloth inside of it, sort of like an improvised Molotov cocktail. After answering the inspector's questions, Ranger DON was given VFRS File # 23-0013702. After the inspector cleared, Ranger DON headed back up to assist in loading the rest of the items deemed ok to remove by the campers, into the backs of Ranger trucks.

Rangers cleared from the park at 1145hrs, removing 6 truckloads of items. Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM were returning to the scene with Sue Baker to continue discussing outreach and housing options for the campers.

2023-03-22 - 1513hrs - At 1110hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM returned to Vanier Park and observed Sue BAKER at the top of the goat trail waiting. R, GUERIN and MESSAM entered the encampment where the previous advocates were also waiting. s.22(1) approached on his bicycle stating that 'they are going for lunch' and have 'changed their mind' on shelters once more, refusing to even see the list BAKER had brought. BAKER pointed out the direct number for MPA near to them for outreach services, and excused themselves from the encampment again. GUERIN provided the advocates and s.22(1) with a copy of 4 layers showing the jurisdictional boundaries of Parks and Senakw which was reviewed in group. s.22(1) took the copy and seemed displeased with the evidence. s.22(1) then passed a handwritten note to GUERIN stating this is for you. GUERIN didn't read the note on site. s.22(1) stated he would only like to speak to GUERIN going forth. s.22(1) asked GUERIN if they can expect the same Ranger and VPD response everyday going forth or what would happen next to which GUERIN stated unknown, but would keep s.22(1) apprised. GUERIN could not get contact with s.22(1) while on site yet s.22(1) stated he had told s.22(1) everything already from the earlier interaction. s.22(1) stated they would like garbage bins in the park, and would like to speak to environmentalists who he believes will state that their encampment is not harmful to the park area. He states the BMX track is "man-made" and maintained by his skateboarder friends so how is that different from his encampment. GUERIN stated many times eventually they will need to leave regardless and to not feel like that it is not coming in the future as housing will be allocated at some point. GUERIN called MPA on site and left a message as s.22(1) agreed to speak to MPA with GUERIN. s.22(1) left the area for lunch with advocates trailing behind to continue more private conversations. s.22(1) stated many times in all the conversation that he will be back again at night time to brief them on how to respond to Rangers, and to continue the filming and legal conversations. Rangers cleared at 1148hrs and returned to Stanley where the handwritten note was given to DEJONG. The note stated a plan, and a list of requests from s.22(1) to better make their situation more comfortable.

March 23rd, 2023 - 1142hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0943hrs to assist Super Save with dropping off the large garbage bin for the campers. Upon arrival, Ranger DON waited on scene for about 25-30 minutes until the bin arrived. Ranger DON escorted the driver into the trail to where the bin was going to get dropped. As the vehicle got into the trails, it was sinking on the trail. Ranger DON decided to have the driver drop the bin on the north side of the forest in the trails, rather than take it to the west side, where the vehicle may get stuck. The bin was dropped and Rangers informed campers the bin was there to start disposing of garbage and any unwanted items.

24th March 2023, 1152 hrs - Rangers OTHMAN, MESSAM and BIRK attended Vanier Park to follow up with camp residents and upon arrival ranger 70 observed the large blue super save bin located on the north west side of the park. Rangers observed the bin to be empty. Rangers checked each of the totes and found them to be also empty except 1 garbage bin that had been filled with garbage. Rangers walked to the white tarped structure on top of the hill and found it to be unoccupied. Rangers then went around the corner to the entrance of the large "warehouse" structure and called out with s.22(1) and did not want to talk to rangers. Ranger 70 said he would respect that and would return tomorrow to follow up.

March 25th, 2023 - 1228hrs - Rangers SAMSON 104 and OTHMAN 70 attended Vanier Park at 1030hrs. Rangers were in full uniform and were driving a marked City of Vancouver vehicle A5978. Rangers conducted a patrol of the area and noticed two structures in the forest. Rangers from a distance observed a male outside one of the two structures. Rangers requested a safety timer at 1032hrs. Rangers approached the structure and introduced themselves to the male. The male identified himself as a visitor and did not give his name. s.22(1) one of the occupants came out of his structure and spoke to Rangers. Rangers and s.22(1) discussed about the resources and accommodation. s.22(1) stated he was speaking to different organizations but did not give the names of the organizations. Rangers cleared from the safety timer at 1036hrs. Rangers mentioned to s.22(1) that there will be Rangers following up in the next few days. s.22(1) acknowledged and stated that he would create a pile near the goat trail for items to be disposed. Rangers cleared at 1046hrs. End of report.

March 28th, 2023 - 1244hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0827hrs for a follow up of the large encampment. Upon arrival, Rangers approached s.22(1) camp and called out introducing themselves as Park Rangers. s.22(1) answered, and said they had just woken up. Ranger DON asked the couple if they had a fire going inside of their structure, as there was a strong burning smell coming from inside



their camp. s.22(1) said he had just put out the fire inside of the furnace. Ranger DON again re-iterated that they cannot have fires inside of their tents, inside of the forest, or inside any park. s.22(1) begrudgingly agreed. Ranger DON asked the couple if any of the items outside of their camp were items which Rangers could remove. The couple stated the only items that could be removed were the ones located in the pond area. Rangers asked them if they had begun to put their garbage and unwanted items into the large disposal bin, to which they said no, not yet. Rangers encouraged the couple to begin to use the bin to dispose of items. The couple didn't respond, so Rangers disengaged.

As Rangers moved down to s.22(1) warehouse structure, Rangers noticed some extension cords which were partially buried. Rangers saw one of them going towards s.22(1) camp, mainly buried under the dirt. There were also 2 extension cords going to s.22(1) camp. Rangers called out to s.22(1) and asked if he was home. s.22(1) responded that he was "fine". Rangers asked if he could pop his head out, but received no response. Rangers asked if the extension cords going to his camp were connected to a generator, but there was no response. Finally, Rangers asked s.22(1) if he had anything that Rangers could remove from his camp, and again received no response. Rangers disengaged from s.22(1) camp, and went back to the extension cords.

Rangers located a power bar, which had the 3 cords to the camps coming out of it. Rangers followed the main black extension cord, which was buried under the blackberry bush, leading up the hill to the trail. Rangers pulled the cord up out of the ground as they walked along following the cord. When they got up to the trail, they noticed the cord was buried under the trail, so Rangers pulled it up from under the trail pathway. The cord continued down towards the parking lot through the blackberry bushes, and eventually it came out at the base of a light pole in the parking lot. The panel covering the power source of the pole had been pulled off, and the extension cord was plugged into the light pole. The panel was then screwed back on, so Rangers were unable to disconnect the extension cord. Rangers contacted 311 to make an emergency work order for REFM to come out, remove the panel, remove the extension cord, and re-secure the light pole panel.

Once doing this, Rangers informed Superintendent DEJONG of the happenings, and asked about firmer enforcement. After discussion, it was decided Rangers would disconnect the extension cords, and cut the plugs so they couldn't be reconnected to the power supply, which had been broken in to. Rangers proceeded to cut the ends of the extension cords which were plugged into the power supply, and then disengaged from the park. Rangers did not wait on scene for REFM to attend to fix the light pole.

2023-03-29 - 1215hrs - At 0817hrs Rangers GUERIN and LUONG attended Vanier Park to check in on the known residents of the large encampment as well as the progress on the removal of the power pole tampering. Rangers entered the encampment area to find two unknown males talking to s.22(1) with a large display of bicycle goods. Both males instantly stated they were "fucking out of here" upon Rangers appearance but continued to stay within the close vicinity to overhear the conversation. GUERIN spoke to s.22(1), who stated all was well and they have not had anymore unexpected fire visitors. s.22(1) stated that they are 'downsizing' to be 'more mobilized'. s.22(1) claimed to not know anything about the power chords, but stated that someone entered their tent at 3AM to "cut some shit out" while s.22(1) were out. GUERIN spoke with s.22(1) stated she was in good condition and that the power chords in question were already there and they just found them. s.22(1) stated they were only used for lighting anyway and not a heat source for their structure. Rangers observed the overhead tarp of their structure to be displaying much more melted/fire evidence and re-instated the fire danger and bylaw relating to open flames. GUERIN stated again that in accordance of the MOU that suitable housing will be found and then they will be expected to vacant to which s.22(1) both replied "good, okay" and inquired more about moving indoors. s.22(1) stated that the nearby blue garbage bin was full, and the large supersave bin was a great addition for them. s.22(1) said he saw s.22(1) this morning and was in good condition. s.22(1) stated that no outreach workers have come to see them or speak to them but a Kitsilano Church dropped off a 'bundle of goods' which they would like to say thank you. GUERIN stated she left a message with MPA 3 times for outreach workers and will continue trying to help connect them with services. Upon leaving their encampment area, directly across from their main goat trail, LUONG found a created man-made and clearly active firepit area with manicured garden. Rangers notified Lead DON and sent photos on VPR 3. Rangers checked the poles within the parking lots to find one pole in the east of the Music Academy Parking lot having the metal plate bent and turned to reveal the wiring in the base of the pole. Rangers also sent photos to Lead DON from VPR 3. Rangers cleared at 0901hrs.

2023-03-29 - 1240hrs - At 1113hrs Rangers GUERIN and LUONG attended Cultural Harmony Grove for a report of structures within the park. While at the Vanier washrooms, Rangers observed one of the unknown males from earlier at s.22(1) structure biking suspiciously around. s.22(1) came around from the back gate of the Burrard Marina building with the wa stating he was looking for s.22(1) s.22(1) confirmed s.22(1) was the male who just left on the bicycle. s.22(1) stated he was around the back of the washrooms to 'do his laundry'. s.22(1) previously told GUERIN that Security at Burrard Marina has been kind to left them shower and use the washroom at all hours. Rangers explained they were attending the area due to a complaint about structures at the nearby park. s.22(1) just left without comment. As Rangers were clearing the area when s.22(1) was seen biking around the same loop again with a different bicycle. Rangers followed s.22(1) with another unknown male who



was seen pushing his bicycle. The two males and their bikes went through Vanier green spaces and parking lots with Rangers following. The males were aware of Rangers presence, and eventually just walked back into the encampment from the parking lot goat trail. Rangers informed LEAD Don of the updates as well as a request to inform management at the marina to discontinue allowing the use of their facilities. Rangers cleared the area at 1148hrs.

Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 1050hrs – AM Shift – Sunny.

At approx. 0854hrs, MESSAM (123) and NGUYEN (106) arrived at Vanier Park for a routine patrol in city vehicle A5979 and in full uniform. Rangers conducted a foot patrol of the forest area to follow-up with the occupants living in large tarp/wooden structures. Rangers requested a safety-timer to Dispatch 92 and approached, NGUYEN acting as Contact and MESSAM acting as Cover, a verbal greeting was given but there was no response from inside the structure. Rangers attempted several times to get a response but did not receive one. Rangers cleared safety-timer and departed at approx. 0920hrs

2023-03-30, 2123hrs

On 2023-03-30 at approx 1652hrs Rangers 116 DONG & 122 MORIMOTO attended Vanier Park driving marked VPR truck C5502 in full uniform for proactive patrol. Upon arrival Rangers conducted a foot patrol, and while at the large pond, observed an collapsed grey tent on the ground on the south side of the pond. Rangers determined it was soiled and abandoned, so they removed it for disposal at the Stanley Yard. No further Ranger action was required; Rangers cleared at approx 1724hrs.

Friday, March 31, 2023 - 14:44 hours - Rangers ANDERSON (8) and PARK (118) attended Vanier Park in full uniform at 10:54 hours. Rangers took photos of the power outlet on the light pole in the music conservatory which was sent to Lead Ranger 70. Rangers smelled smoke in the area but did not find a source of fire in the area. Rangers spoke with camp residents s.22(1) and reminded them they needed to pack down their belongings and discard garbage in the disposal container which was not present at time of patrol; Lead 70 advised of disposal container not being on site. Rangers cleared the park at 11:17 hours.

0937hrs | 02/04/23 - At approx. 0750hrs on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, Vancouver Park Rangers LUONG and MESSAM (Charlie 4) attended Vanier Park in Vancouver, in full uniform, to conduct a routine check of the encampment. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a thorough mobile patrol along the perimeter of the forested area and an additional foot patrol in the trails of the forested area. Rangers observed a lengthy yellow extension cable running across a foot trail just south of the encampment. Rangers followed the extension cable south southeast and observed a junction leading to a blue extension cable. Both extension cables ran into the adjacent Sençāw Development worksite.

Rangers proceeded to check the City light standard at the parking lot of Vancouver Academy of Music because it had been tapped into illegal in the past. Here Rangers observed a large piece of broken shrub propped up against the base of the post. Upon closer inspection, Rangers observed a green extension cable jerry-rigged into the light standard. The green cable extended up the hill and across the foot trail leading to the encampment. The shrub is assumed to be there to conceal the illegal and dangerous use of stolen electricity.

LUONG and MESSAM took photos of all visible extension cables leading in and out of the park. LUONG notified Lead Ranger DON of observations, who subsequently submitted an emergency work order to have the City light standard secured properly. LUONG also notified s.22(1), of the observations Rangers came across. s.22(1) and was very appreciative of the phone call notification from Rangers.

No further Ranger action required at this time.

Rangers LUONG and MESSAM cleared from Vanier Park at approx. 0825hrs.

#### INDIVIDUAL CASES FOR VANIER:

March 21st, 2023 - 1254hrs - Rangers DON, NGUYEN, CAMERON, BUSH, JUNG, MESSAM and BIRK attended Vanier Park at 0855hrs with VFRS and VPD to issue an eviction to the campers, as well as remove all propane tanks, flammables, and anything else pointed out as a hazard by VFRS. Upon arrival, Rangers entered the camp and announced their presence to the campers. Rangers came across a large tarp structure consisting of different coloured tarps. The air around it smelled like something was burning, but no smoke was noticed. There was an incredible amount of items around the structure, so Rangers had to be careful to navigate around. Rangers did not receive a response from within the large structure, but there was a large opening on the NW side of the structure where Rangers could see in. Rangers saw a male and a female sleeping on a bed underneath covers, and Rangers shouted out to see if they would respond. This time they responded, and Ranger DON said Park Rangers, VFRS and VPD were on site and wanted to speak with them. The couple wanted 5 minutes to wake up and get dressed, which Rangers agreed to.

Rangers then moved along to the very large "warehouse like" wooden structure down the embankment. Rangers knew an individual named s.22(1) had been staying there. Rangers called out to s.22(1) who responded. Rangers asked



if s.22(1) could come out of the structure to speak with Rangers. Shortly after, s.22(1) popped his head out, and Rangers informed him that he would need to exit the camp for good, as Rangers would be giving the campers 24 hours to grab their essentials, and then Rangers would come in and start removing everything. Rangers informed s.22(1) that he didn't need to waste time dismantling things, as Rangers would look after that. s.22(1) was calm and said ok, and that he would be gone by the morning.

Rangers proceeded to move back up the embankment and speak with s.22(1) as he was now outside of the structure. Rangers called him by his name and asked how he was doing, and he said his name was s.22(1), and there wasn't anyone named s.22(1) here. Ranger DON pulled s.22(1) name on it, and showed the male and asked if this was him, and he said "yes". Ranger DON then pointed to the name of that individual, s.22(1), and said is your name s.22(1). The male responded yes, and then said he goes by the name s.22(1). Rangers then asked if s.22(1) and he responded yes. Ranger DON then informed him that they are being given 24 hours to grab their essentials and leave the park, as Rangers would be returning tomorrow to begin removing all items from the area. s.22(1) originally argued saying this was Crown Land and they didn't need to move. But Ranger DON informed him that the land is actually leased to the Park Board, and Rangers could enforce the Park by-laws on Park Board property. s.22(1) then went back in the tent to grab something, and put his hood up, and stormed out of the park. Rangers informed s.22(1), who was still inside of the tent, just in case she hadn't heard what was educated to s.22(1). Rangers and VFRs then proceeded to walk around the forest removing all the abandoned propane tanks, and other items which VFRS pointed out. In total, Rangers removed 16 large propane tanks, 5 small propane tanks, a large BBQ and a couple stoves. These propane tanks were picked up and removed from the park by Propane Depot. Rangers also picked up and removed 5 needles from the forest.

March 21st, 2023 - 0717hrs - Rangers DON and NGUYEN attended Vanier Park at 0900hrs to conduct a removal of hazards from the large camp. Upon arrival, Rangers located and removed 4 needles from the west side of the camp in the grass.

March 22nd, 2023 - 1358hrs - Rangers DON, MAH, GUERIN, FLORES, LUONG, CAMERON, BUSH, JUNG, MESSAM, BIRK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park at 0813hrs to enforce the removal of items in the forest which s.22(1) did not want to take with them. This was after speaking with them yesterday with regards to needing to be gone by this morning. Upon arrival, Ranger DON went to conduct a site assessment, but was intercepted by 2 homeless advocates, both with cameras. One of the advocates, s.22(1) has been spoken to numerous times before by Ranger DON. They questioned Ranger DON again as to why Rangers were asking them to leave their "homes". Ranger DON informed them that they were in an ecologically sensitive area, where they have had many fires, they have left propane tanks and chemicals laying around, as well as needles and drug paraphernalia. They then asked Ranger DON where the individuals were supposed to go since Rangers weren't housing them. Ranger DON informed them that outreach workers have spoken with them about housing, but the individuals have had no interest in moving indoors. Ranger DON also informed the advocates that the individuals are welcome to set up tents in other more open parks, which are not by schools, playgrounds or in ecologically sensitive areas. This is as long as they don't set their tent up before dusk, and have it packed up and mobile by 8am. Ranger DON also emphasized that once packed up by 8am, they are more than welcome to stay in the park just like everyone else, as they are not violating any bylaws, so Rangers would have no reason to speak with them. The advocates then argued that Rangers were forcing them to have a set wakeup time, where if they stayed in their current structures, they could get the proper rest they would need to work. Ranger DON informed them that they could not set up permanent structures in parks, to which the advocates argued that every housing unit on the planet is temporary, because someone's house could burn down or be demolished any day. Ranger DON did not comment on that, as he believed it was an inappropriate comparison. The advocates then asked for clarification on the bylaws surrounding the structures, and Ranger DON handed them the notice which had been printed up, stating each section of the bylaw the campers were in violation of. The advocates continued to ask questions, and asked what Ranger DON's thoughts were on VPD's handling of homeless people and why they needed to be on scene. Ranger DON informed them that he was not a part of VPD and could not answer that question, and then also answered that he has informed s.22(1) that he has had this conversation numerous times with him about why VPD is on scene sometimes. They asked if violence would break out with VPD on scene, and Ranger DON informed them that he could not predict the future. The advocates tried to get Ranger DON to answer questions relating to his moral compass on the matter, but Ranger DON ignored them and disengaged back to the parking lot to give the briefing to the team.

Once back in the parking lot, Ranger DON spoke with the VPD Sergeant on scene, and informed him of the plan. The Sergeant agreed and said they would follow the Ranger's lead. Ranger DON then briefed the team on the plan, and informed Ranger GUERIN that she would be Ranger DON's cover when they initiated contact with the campers, if the campers were still on scene. At this time, the City's homeless and housing director, Sue Baker, arrived on scene. Sue joined Rangers DON and GUERIN in their approach to the camp. As Rangers approached and introduced themselves, the advocates followed Rangers, recording them the entire time. After Rangers introduced themselves, s.22(1) answered from within. They wanted some time to get dressed before



coming out of their camp, which Rangers agreed to. Rangers proceeded down to s.22(1) camp to speak with him, but Rangers did not receive an answer from s.22(1) camp. With VPD waiting on scene, Rangers were going to request VPD assistance to conduct s.22(1). Rangers disengaged back to the parking lot and found the plan had changed. VPD was no longer required on scene, and Rangers were going to try and connect the campers with outreach/shelter options for the time being, rather than conduct the removal.

Rangers GUERIN and DON, along with Sue Baker, approached and re-engaged with s.22(1) structure. After a few minutes, s.22(1) came out of the structure, and spoke with Ranger GUERIN. While speaking with Ranger GUERIN s.22(1) gave the ok for Rangers to remove a pile of belongings which she said was garbage.

2023-03-22 - 1450hrs - At 0812hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM joined all the above Rangers in the School of Music Parking Lot for Vanier Park. Rangers were approached by the Director of Homeless Relations Sue BAKER. GUERIN stated that all the Ranger and VPD appearances could be really aggravating and to speak with them first. BAKER agreed, and GUERIN DON and BAKER went into the forest from the goat trail off the parking lot. At the top of the hill, Rangers were greeted by known advocate and filming s.22(1) as well as s.22(1) an advocate from the s.22(1) and the manager of the online newspaper called Tye. s.22(1) immediately began to film, as Rangers and BAKER walked towards s.22(1) camp asking if Rangers had a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. Rangers ignored the request as s.22(1) has been given the copy multiple times in the past. Rangers continued into the camp where s.22(1) asked for approx. 10 minutes to get dressed with also no answer below at the 'warehouse' in s.22(1) camp. Rangers and BAKER waited for s.22(1) to come out of the tent while they were joined by Superintendent DEJONG and other media relations. s.22(1) was continuously filming all actions of Rangers while DON gave a printed memo to s.22(1) as she asked. BAKER introduced themselves and talked about the options for shelters currently available for the couple. s.22(1) pointed out a large pile of garbage that Rangers were able to clear out of the park. Multiple conversations went back and forth where BAKER would offer MPA outreach services, or the shelters available with s.22(1) stating she understands, yet has fear of SRO's and cannot make the decision for all who reside in the encampment. Rangers were joined shortly after by s.22(1) who stated they will only clear the area for a \$30mil mansion and began to deflect with requests for the park, and stating other individuals have come with maps stating it's Crown land and if the Queen herself doesn't come to inform them he has to go, he will not. GUERIN spoke at length about the Ranger storage program, which seemed quite intriguing to both parties to assist in their removal. s.22(1) seemed to speak in tangents about the military, which then both parties stated confidentially they were no longer interested in shelters whatsoever as it was no longer an option. BAKER understood and removed themselves from the encampment area. At this time, Rangers were told the small pile of garbage can be removed from the area. As Rangers entered to begin clearing, a small fire was observed at the bottom of the lake with smoke beginning to rise rapidly. Advocates began to act distressed and fearful for s.22(1) s.22(1) immediately stated that s.22(1) who they have had issues with in the park previously. s.22(1) stated that they have made a serious connection with the community and have had no other negative feedback to their encampment. s.22(1) stated that Security at the washrooms have created a good rapport and have allowed them to use their showers, and washroom facilities at any time. s.22(1) stated that s.22(1) and that's how they "keep busy" and "make a living". s.22(1) stated that when their tent was at the pond area they knew the s.22(1). This was done by other campers who had previously shared the area. s.22(1) said s.22(1) s.22(1) and advised them to come into the park. s.22(1) that he's been here" this is the biggest lake he has ever seen and questioned if Parks staff had purposely made the pond deeper in an attempt to drown them s.22(1) and advocates also questioned if Rangers were the ones who set the fire, which was currently burning, on purpose. GUERIN began to try to reason with s.22(1), stating the environmental impact and the boundaries of the Senakw project of Squamish nation and where the Park states. GUERIN read the Memorandum of Understanding verbatim stating that when the housing becomes available the powers will come to be removed and this is always meant to be a temporary structure/solution. s.22(1) s.22(1) were compliant and kind to speak to but seemed to now be overwhelmed. GUERIN and s.22(1) agreed to have GUERIN return in an hour with a copy of the boundaries, and have BAKER return with a list to sit down and make a plan. GUERIN agreed and cleared the area without issue at 1020hrs. While this was happening, Ranger DON coordinated the removal of items with the other Rangers. After Rangers had removed the garbage pile beside s.22(1) camp, Rangers re-engaged with s.22(1) camp. s.22(1) finally responded from within, and Rangers asked him if there was any garbage or unwanted items which Rangers could remove. s.22(1) said everything outside of his camp could be removed, which included bike frames, tires, assorted metal, soiled clothing and bedding, couch cushions, and other miscellaneous items. While Rangers were removing these items, Ranger DON headed back to s.22(1) camp to speak with s.22(1) if they had any more items which Rangers could remove, to which s.22(1) said no. Ranger DON cleared from their camp, and as he was heading back towards his truck in the parking lot, he noticed an s.22(1) half way down



the embankment of the pond, on the north side. s.22(1) off leash beside the pond. The male spotted Ranger DON and scurried back up the embankment, and exited the park via the north side trail. Ranger DON assumed he was just startled that someone in uniform was there and witnessed him with his dog off leash. As Ranger DON got closer to the trail leading down to the parking lot, he smelled something burning. Ranger DON looked down towards the pond, and saw smoke. When he got closer and looked down the embankment, Ranger DON spotted one of the piles of garbage which was now on fire. The flames engulfed about a 4 foot by 4 foot area. Already, the fire was too large for Rangers to put out with fire extinguishers, and the terrain was steep and difficult to navigate, so Ranger DON contacted 911 requesting assistance from VFRS. While waiting for VFRS, the fire was getting large quite quickly, and was beginning to emit black smoke. As VFRS arrived and began setting up their hoses, the fire was now at the base of one of the trees, ready to ignite the base of the tree at any second. Fire crews were able to extinguish the flames from the base of the tree, as well as everywhere in and around the pile of garbage, before any significant damage was done. Shortly after extinguishing the blaze, the Fire Inspector arrived on scene and determined the fire had been started by an outside source, and was not started from inside of the pile of garbage. Ranger DON informed the inspector of the individual he had seen scurry from the area, just before Ranger DON spotted the fire. The inspector noted a few bottles of alcohol in the pile of garbage, which assisted in the fire spreading rapidly. A bottle was also found with a cloth inside of it, sort of like an improvised Molotov cocktail. After answering the inspector's questions, Ranger DON was given VFRS File # 23-0013702. After the inspector cleared, Ranger DON headed back up to assist in loading the rest of the items deemed ok to remove by the campers, into the backs of Ranger trucks. Rangers cleared from the park at 1145hrs, removing 6 truckloads of items. Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM were returning to the scene with Sue Baker to continue discussing outreach and housing options for the campers.

2023-03-22 - 1513hrs - At 1110hrs Rangers GUERIN and MESSAM returned to Vanier Park and observed Sue BAKER at the top of the goat trail waiting. BAKER, GUERIN and MESSAM entered the encampment where the previous advocates were also waiting. s.22(1) approached on his bicycle stating that 'they are going for lunch' and have 'changed their mind' on shelters once more, refusing to even see the list BAKER had brought. BAKER pointed out the direct number for MPA near to them for outreach services, and excused themselves from the encampment again. GUERIN provided the advocates and s.22(1) with a copy of 4 layers showing the jurisdictional boundaries of Parks and Senakw which was reviewed in group. s.22(1) took the copy and seemed displeased with the evidence. s.22(1) then passed a handwritten note to GUERIN stating this is for you. GUERIN didn't read the note on site. s.22(1) stated he would only like to speak to GUERIN going forth. s.22(1) asked GUERIN if they can expect the same Ranger and VPD response everyday going forth or what would happen next to which GUERIN stated unknown, but would keep s.22(1) apprised. GUERIN could not get contact with s.22(1) while on site yet s.22(1) stated he had told s.22(1) everything already from the earlier interaction. s.22(1) stated they would like garbage bins in the park, and would like to speak to environmentalists who he believes will state that their encampment is not harmful to the park area. He states the BMX track is "man-made" and maintained by his skateboarder friends so how is that different from his encampment. GUERIN stated many times eventually they will need to leave regardless and to not feel like that it is not coming in the future as housing will be allocated at some point. GUERIN called MPA on site and left a message as s.22(1) agreed to speak to MPA with GUERIN. s.22(1) left the area for lunch with advocates tailing behind to continue more private conversations. s.22(1) stated many times in all the conversation that he will be back again at night time to brief them on how to d to Rangers, and to continue the filming and legal conversations. Rangers cleared at 1148hrs and returned to Stanley where the handwritten note was given to DEJONG. The note stated a plan, and a list of requests from s.22(1) to better make their situation more comfortable.

March 22nd, 2023 - 1443hrs - Ranger DON and Superintendent DEJONG were at Vanier Park at 1026hrs. While on scene, Rangers were speaking with the individuals in one of the encampments. Ranger DON cleared from their camp, and as he was heading back towards his truck in the parking lot, he noticed an s.22(1) half way down the embankment of the pond, on the north side. s.22(1) off leash beside the pond. The male spotted Ranger DON and scurried back up the embankment, and exited the park via the north side trail. Ranger DON assumed he was just startled that someone in uniform was there and witnessed him with his dog off leash. As Ranger DON got closer to the trail leading down to the parking lot, he smelled something burning. Ranger DON looked down towards the pond, and saw smoke. When he got closer and looked down the embankment, Ranger DON spotted one of the piles of garbage was on fire, with about a 4 foot by 4 foot area burning. Already, the fire was too large for Rangers to put out with fire extinguishers, so Ranger DON contacted 911 requesting assistance from VFRS. While waiting for VFRS, the fire was getting large quite quickly, and was beginning to emit black smoke. As VFRS arrived and began setting up their hoses, the fire was now at the base of one of the trees, ready to ignite the base of the tree at any second. Fire crews were able to extinguish the flames from the base of the tree, as well as everywhere in and around the pile of garbage, before any significant damage was done. Shortly after extinguishing the blaze, the Fire Inspector arrived on scene and determined the fire had been started by an outside source, and was not started from inside of the pile of garbage. Ranger DON informed the inspector of the



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2023-03-28 - 12:40hrs - At approximately 09:45hrs, rangers NGUYEN, MAH, JUNG, FLORES, GUERIN, LUONG, and DON attended Vanier to conduct a follow up with the residents in the encampment. Rangers NGUYEN and GUERIN were contact/cover and spoke to the residents in the encampment. Rangers spoke to an individual named s.22(1) and informed of the super save bin that was being placed in order to help with the camp cleanup. Rangers informed s.22(1) to pass on the information to the other residents. During this interaction, rangers were being filmed by and advocate named s.22(1). Rangers cleared the area at approximately 10:30hrs.

March 23rd, 2023 - 1142hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0943hrs to assist Super Save with dropping off the large garbage bin for the campers. Upon arrival, Ranger DON waited on scene for about 25-30 minutes until the bin arrived. Ranger DON escorted the driver into the trail to where the bin was going to get dropped. As the vehicle got into the trails, it was sinking on the trail. Ranger DON decided to have the driver drop the bin on the north side of the forest in the trails, rather than take it to the west side, where the vehicle may get stuck. The bin was dropped and Rangers informed campers the bin was there to start disposing of garbage and any unwanted items.

24th March 2023, 1152 hrs - Rangers OTHMAN, MESSAM and BIRK attended Vanier Park to follow up with camp residents and upon arrival ranger 70 observed the large blue super save bin located on the north west side of the park. Rangers observed the bin to be empty. Rangers checked each of the totes and found them to be also empty except 1 garbage bin that had been filled with garbage. Rangers walked to the white tarped structure on top of the hill and found it to be unoccupied. Rangers then went around the corner to the entrance of the large "warehouse" structure and called out with s.22(1) and did not want to talk to rangers.

Ranger 70 said he would respect that and would return tomorrow to follow up.

March 28th, 2023 - 1244hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0827hrs for a follow up of the large encampment. Upon arrival, Rangers approached s.22(1) camp and called out introducing themselves as Park Rangers. s.22(1) answered, and said they had just woken up. Ranger DON asked the couple if they had a fire going inside of their structure, as there was a strong burning smell coming from inside their camp. s.22(1) said he had just put out the fire inside of the furnace. Ranger DON again re-iterated that they cannot have fires inside of their tents, inside of the forest, or inside any park. s.22(1) begrudgingly agreed. Ranger DON asked the couple if any of the items outside of their camp were items which Rangers could remove. The couple stated the only items that could be removed were the ones located in the pond area. Rangers asked them if they had begun to put their garbage and unwanted items into the large disposal bin, to which they said no, not yet. Rangers encouraged the couple to begin to use the bin to dispose of items. The couple didn't respond, so Rangers disengaged.

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2023-03-29 - 1215hrs - At 0817hrs Rangers GUERIN and LUONG attended Vanier Park to check in on the known residents of the large encampment as well as the progress on the removal of the power pole tampering. Rangers entered the encampment area to find two unknown males talking to s.22(1) with a large display of bicycle goods. Both males instantly stated they were "fucking out of here" upon Rangers appearance but continued to stay within the close vicinity to overhear the conversation. GUERIN spoke to s.22(1), who stated all was well and they have not had anymore unexpected fire visitors. s.22(1) stated that they are 'downsizing' to be 'more mobilized'. s.22(1) claimed to not know anything about the power chords, but stated that some s.22(1) and their tent at 3AM to "cut some shit out" while s.22(1) were out. GUERIN spoke with s.22(1) stated she was in good condition and that the power chords in question were already there and they just found them. s.22(1) stated they were only used for lighting anyway and not a heat source for their structure. Rangers observed the overhead tarp of their structure to be displaying much more melted/fire evidence and re-instated the fire danger and bylaw relating to open flames. GUERIN stated again that in accordance of the MOU that suitable housing will be found and then they will be expected to vacant to which s.22(1) both replied "good, okay" and inquired more about moving indoors. s.22(1) stated that the nearby blue garbage bin was full, and the large supersave bin was a great addition for them. s.22(1) said he saw s.22(1) this morning and was in good condition. s.22(1) stated that no outreach workers have come to see them or speak to them but a Kitsilano Church dropped off a 'bundle of goods' which they would like to say thank you. GUERIN stated she left a message with MPA 3 times for outreach workers and will continue trying to help connect them with services. Upon leaving their encampment area, directly across from their main goat trail, LUONG found a created man-made and clearly active firepit area with manicured garden. Rangers notified Lead DON and sent photos on VPR 3. Rangers checked the poles within the parking lots to find one pole in the east of the Music Academy Parking lot having the metal plate bent and turned to reveal the wiring in the base of the pole. Rangers also sent photos to Lead DON from VPR 3. Rangers cleared at 0901hrs.

2023-03-29 - 1240hrs - At 1113hrs Rangers GUERIN and LUONG attended Cultural Harmony Grove for a report of structures within the park. While at the Vanier washrooms, Rangers observed one of the unknown males from earlier at s.22(1) structure biking suspiciously around. s.22(1) came around from the back gate of the Burrard Marina building with the washrooms stating he was looking for s.22(1) confirmed s.22(1) was the male who just left on the bicycle. s.22(1) stated he was around the back of the washrooms to 'do his laundry'. s.22(1) previously told GUERIN that Security at Burrard Marina has been kind to left them shower and use the washroom at all hours. Rangers explained they were attending the area due to a complaint about structures at the nearby park. s.22(1) just left without comment. As Rangers were clearing the area when s.22(1) was seen biking around the same loop again with a different bicycle. Rangers followed s.22(1) with another unknown male who was seen pushing his bicycle. The two males and their bikes went through Vanier green spaces and parking lots with Rangers following. The males were aware of Rangers presence, and eventually just walked back into the encampment from the parking lot goat trail. Rangers informed LEAD Don of the updates as well as a request to inform management at the marina to discontinue allowing the use of their facilities. Rangers cleared the area at 1148hrs.

Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 1050hrs – AM Shift – Sunny.

At approx. 0854hrs, MESSAM (123) and NGUYEN (106) arrived at Vanier Park for a routine patrol in city vehicle A5979 and in full uniform. Rangers conducted a foot patrol of the forest area to follow-up with the occupants living



in large tarp/wooden structures. Rangers requested a safety-timer to Dispatch 92 and approached, NGUYEN acting as Contact and MESSAM acting as Cover, a verbal greeting was given but there was no response from inside the structure. Rangers attempted several times to get a response but did not receive one. Rangers cleared safety-timer and departed at approx. 0920hrs

Friday, March 31, 2023 - 14:44 hours - Rangers ANDERSON and PARK attended Vanier Park in full uniform at 10:54 hours. Rangers took photos of the power outlet on the light pole in the music conservatory which was sent to Lead Ranger OTHMAN. Rangers smelled smoke in the area but did not find a source of fire in the area. Rangers spoke with camp residents s.22(1) and reminded them they needed to pack down their belongings and discard garbage in the disposal container which was not present at time of patrol; Lead OTHMAN advised of disposal container not being on site. Rangers cleared the park at 11:17 hours.

0937hrs | 02/04/23 - At approx. 0750hrs on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, Vancouver Park Rangers LUONG and MESSAM (Charlie 4) attended Vanier Park in Vancouver, in full uniform, to conduct a routine check of the encampment. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a thorough mobile patrol along the perimeter of the forested area and an additional foot patrol in the trails of the forested area. Rangers observed a lengthy yellow extension cable running across a foot trail just south of the encampment. Rangers followed the extension cable south southeast and observed a junction leading to a blue extension cable. Both extension cables ran into the adjacent Sen̓Ćw Development worksite.

Rangers proceeded to check the City light standard at the parking lot of Vancouver Academy of Music because it had been tapped into illegal in the past. Here Rangers observed a large piece of broken shrub propped up against the base of the post. Upon closer inspection, Rangers observed a green extension cable jerry-rigged into the light standard. The green cable extended up the hill and across the foot trail leading to the encampment. The shrub is assumed to be there to conceal the illegal and dangerous use of stolen electricity.

LUONG and MESSAM took photos of all visible extension cables leading in and out of the park. LUONG notified Lead Ranger DON of observations, who subsequently submitted an emergency work order to have the City light standard secured properly. LUONG also notified s.22(1) of the observations Rangers came across. s.22(1) and was very appreciative of the phone call notification from Rangers.

No further Ranger action required at this time.

Rangers LUONG and MESSAM cleared from Vanier Park at approx. 0825hrs.

2023-04-03, 0156hrs

On 2023-04-02 at approx 1738hrs Rangers 116 DONG & 127 LAM attended Vanier Park driving marked VOR truck A5881 in full uniform, for a report of a fire at an encampment at the park. Upon arrival Rangers drove by the encampment on the park trail – no visible smoke or flame seen, but a smell of burning was present. As the encampment is a known safety hazard for Rangers, DONG (also PMAL) consulted with Alpha 85, who gave the directive to stand down and leave the case for AM Rangers to follow up. No further action for PM Rangers at this time; Rangers cleared at approx 1749hrs.

April 3rd, 2023 - 1154hrs - Ranger DON contacted the citizen with regards to their complaint about the camp at Vanier Park, at 1130hrs. Ranger DON answered the citizen's questions and informed him it was an ongoing process with trying to move the individuals out of the camp, and remove the items from the forest.

4/4/2023 - 1152hrs - Rangers CAMERON and ANDERSON attended Vanier park at 1005hrs in city marked vehicle 5662. Rangers initiated a level 2 safety timer and approached Encampment, Rangers announced presence. s.22(1) responded to rangers, She advised Rangers that they still has not received a response for housing. Rangers did not receive a response from the other white tarp structure. Rangers did not observe any fires, but observed camp fires that have been used in the past. Rangers also noticed a hidden power cord coming from a city light pole leading to the camp, Rangers relayed information to Lead DON.

April 4th, 2023 - 0033hrs - Rangers Samson 104 and Palamos 124 attended Vanier park at 2342hrs. Rangers were in full uniform and were driving a marked City of Vancouver vehicle A5978. While patrolling the area Rangers could smell a strong odor of smoke coming from the Vanier encampment. Rangers contacted Lead 90 about the concern. At 2344hrs, Rangers called VFRS and relayed the above information. At 2351hrs, VFRS Engine 4 "SQUAD," arrived on scene and were briefed of the concern.

At 2354hrs, Rangers requested a safety and went in with 3 VFRS: SR572, Pappa John, and Klassen. Rangers with VFRS approached the encampment and could smell the fire coming from one of the wooden structures. Rangers and VFRS spoke to s.22(1) and educated s.22(1) about the bylaws s.22(1) acknowledged and informed Rangers and VFRS that she had just poured water on the fire.

At 2351hrs, VPD Sergeant 2637 and two VPD constables arrived on scene. VFRS and Sergeant 2637 went inside the structure and ensured that the fire was completely out. VFRS and Sergeant 2637 exited the structure after a few minutes and Rangers, VFRS and VPD cleared the encampment.



At 0012hrs, Rangers, VFRS and VPD cleared Vanier park. No file number was given. A total of 4 VFRS, 2 Rangers and 5 VPD officers attended. End of report

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - AM Shift - 1225hrs - Cloudy.

Approx. 0740, Rangers MESSAM (123) and LUONG (102) arrived to Vanier Park in city vehicle A5978 and in full uniform for a park patrol. Rangers conducted a foot patrol through the park and observed the large tarp structure from afar and did not see any active people outside the encampment, at this time rangers did not engage with the occupants. Rangers inspected the area and the power cords coming from the encampment and into the construction site adjacent to the forest was no longer connected. Rangers inspected the west parking lot where another power cord was attached into the lamp post - the connection remains established. Pictures was taken on VPR iPhone3. Rangers continued their patrol and could smell wood burning from the camp site, assuming from the stove the occupants own inside their tarps, but no immediate concerns. Rangers departed at approx. 0803hrs.

2023-04-06 - 14:36hrs - At approximately 07:45hrs, rangers NGUYEN and MAKINTOSH attended Vanier park to conduct a patrol of the encampment area. Rangers were to conduct a wellness check on the individuals in the camp, to check if any power lines were connected to any light poles, and to check the fence that borders the park and the construction area to see if there were any signs of damage.

Upon entering the encampment, a strong smell of smoke was in the area. Rangers entered the encampment and spoke to the occupants inside the tent, however, only s.22(1) responded. s.22(1) responded and said he was doing well and when asked about the fire, stated that he does not know what caused the fire. Rangers then disengaged from the encampment area. Rangers did not observe any electrical wires hanging from the light poles, nor any signs of damage along the fence line. Rangers cleared the area at approximately 08:00hrs without issue.

2023-04-07 - 13:59hrs - At approximately 10:52hrs, rangers NGUYEN and JOHL attended Vanier park to conduct a patrol of the encampment area. Rangers were to conduct a wellness check on the individuals in the camp, to check if any power lines were connected to any light poles, and to check the fence that borders the park and the construction area to see if there were any signs of damage. Rangers approached the encampment, however, did not receive any responses from both tents. Rangers did not observe any electrical cords running from the poles to the camps, furthermore, rangers did not observe any damages to the fence line. Rangers then cleared the area at approximately 11:00hrs without issue.

Monday, April 10, 2023 - AM Shift - 1350hrs - Cloudy.

At approx. 0845hrs, Rangers MESSAM (123) and JUNG (120) arrived at Vanier Park in city vehicle A5979 and in full uniform for a routine park patrol. Rangers conducted a foot patrol around the west-side of the parking lot adjacent to the forest area and observed the street lamp and its electrical wires still exposed from prior reports and no evidence of a work order or fix has been done. The power cords wired into the lamp post and into the encampment remain intact. Rangers then conducted a foot patrol along the construction site fence and observed no additional power cords trespassing from the encampment into the construction site property. Rangers took photos on VPR iPhone5 and informed Bravo 64. Rangers departed at approx. 0845hrs.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 1300hrs - AM Shift - Raining/Cloud.

At approx. 0842hrs, Rangers MESSAM (123) and BIRK (125) arrived to Vanier Park in city vehicle C5502 and in full uniform for a routine patrol. Upon arrival, Rangers observed a white smoke coming from the encampment - assuming it was from the wood stove burner within the tarp structure. No sights of a fire or flames deemed as an immediate hazard or uncontrolled. Rangers spoke to a construction site worker walking through the forest area and he said he had seen the camp occupants bring in tanks of propane - s.22(1)

s.22(1) about the being cut off from their power supply s.22(1)

s.22(1) Rangers then went to check the street lamp in the west parking lot and observed that all the power cords have been dismantled and cut - the wires and light access still remain exposed. Pictures was taken on iPhone VPR5. Rangers departed the area at approx. 0857hrs.

April 13th, 2023 - 1059hrs - Rangers DON, ANDERSON and CAMERON attended Vanier Park at 0816hrs to check on the large encampment in the forest. Upon arrival, Rangers noticed the light pole was finally fixed and re-secured with a panel. However, as Rangers made their way up the hill, Rangers noticed 4 different extension cords running under the trail, wrapped around tree, through bushes, and even onto the construction site again. Rangers took photos of this on iPhone 2, and unplugged certain sections of the cord to cut off power. In an attempt to deter future theft of power with the cords, Rangers cut off the ends on the extension cords. Rangers also pulled down wire and rope which was tied up high into the trees. As Rangers were leaving the area, some of the construction site workers thanked Rangers.

April 13th, 2023 - 1105hrs - Rangers DON, ANDERSON and CAMERON attended Vanier Park at 0816hrs to follow up with the large camp in the forest. Upon arrival, Rangers could smell smoke again, but could not see any. The burning smell was likely coming from s.22(1) structure, where they still have a wood burning stove



inside of their structure. Rangers approached and introduced themselves, and s.22(1) responded from within. Rangers requested they pop their head out for a chat. After a couple of minutes, s.22(1) popped his head out. Ranger DON asked if the couple had an active fire currently burning inside of their structure, to which s.22(1) said no. Ranger DON reminded him that he cannot have fires in the forest. Ranger DON then asked s.22(1) if he had any propane tanks or other flammables in his structure, or around his structure, as VFRS will likely come in or give the go ahead to remove them, if they don't remove the tanks themselves. s.22(1) said he understood, but didn't have any, and suggested Rangers speak with s.22(1). Rangers headed down the hill to speak with s.22(1). At first s.22(1) didn't respond, but when Ranger DON informed him that VFRS would be contacted for assistance as there were reports of propane tanks and flammables being brought into the camp, s.22(1) responded. Rangers asked s.22(1) if he had any propane tanks or flammables inside of his structure, to which he said yes. Rangers asked him to remove them immediately, and s.22(1) said he would drag them out to the edge of the Music Academy parking lot. Rangers to follow up and see if he brought any out, and to contact Propane Depot to remove any propane tanks.

April 18th, 2023 - 1003hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0703hrs to check on the camp and see if there were any fires, and damage to Parks infrastructure, and to see if there was any propane tanks moved to the edge of the parking lot to be removed. Ranger DON conducted a check of the parking lot, but did not locate any propane tanks. Ranger DON also made sure the light poles had not been broken into again, which they hadn't. A check of the construction site fence to make sure extension cords weren't going onto the construction site, turned up clear. Finally Ranger DON checked and smelled for fires, but there was no sight, or smell of fire or smoke at this time. The trails and slopes have gotten really muddy, and footing can be slippery.

April 18th, 2023 - 0820hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 1202hrs to follow up with the large camp, check for propane tanks put on the trail, and issue bylaw warning notices for violations. Upon arrival, Ranger DON entered the forest from the west side of the trail system, and noticed a group of residents being filmed by CTV news. Ranger DON checked the trail area for any extension cords leading to light poles, but did not locate any. While doing this, a resident and the news crew spotted Ranger DON and came over to speak with him. The resident asked Ranger DON if Rangers were planning to deal with the issue, and Ranger DON requested the conversation wasn't recorded, which CTV news agreed to. Ranger DON informed the resident that Rangers have been working with different organizations and departments in the city, as well as with the campers, to try and remove items, and to eventually have the individuals leave the park. The resident was requesting a quicker timeline, and didn't like the answer Ranger DON gave her with regards to something of this size takes time and requires heavy machinery which needs drier weather. The resident then stormed off in a huff. The news crew asked Ranger DON if it was ok to speak with the campers, and record Rangers inside of the camp, which Ranger DON agreed to, but requested that no conversations between Rangers and the campers were recorded. Ranger DON then approached s.22(1) camp, and called out from a distance s.22(1) responded from within and said that s.22(1) wasn't there. Ranger DON requested she come out to speak with Ranger DON, which she did. Ranger DON asked her if she had any fires burning inside of her tent, or any flammables or propane tanks currently inside of her tent, to which she said no. s.22(1), and she went down to tell s.22(1) was not home at this time, s.22(1).

s.22(1), and Ranger DON witnessed a few propane tanks inside.

Ranger DON requested s.22(1) speak with s.22(1) and get him to bring the propane tanks to the edge of the music academy parking lot so they could be properly recycled. s.22(1) agreed to this and then informed Ranger DON that she had not been responsible for any of the extension cords or fires. Ranger DON said he understood, and informed s.22(1) that he would still be issuing bylaw warning notices to s.22(1) for violating Section 2 - damaging a park, and Section 14(j) of the Parks Control Bylaw.

For the violation of Section 2, Ranger DON wrote warning ticket #4792 and gave it to s.22(1) which she said she would do. Ranger DON also encouraged her to convince s.22(1) not to have any more fires inside of the wooded area, or VFRS may attend and issue them a fine, or possibly a fire order for the immediate removal of the structure and all items in and around it. s.22(1) said she understood and would speak with s.22(1).

After Ranger DON disengaged from the conversation, s.22(1) Ranger DON cleared the park before anything further could be requested of him.

April 23rd, 2023 - 1130hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0805hrs for a follow up with large camp in the forest. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a patrol around the outside of the camp, and located a hose connected to the pond and led to s.22(1) large structure. Rangers cut the end of the hose to prevent any future damage of the park to have the hose plugged into a water source.

While Rangers were walking back s.22(1) the camp area, Rangers heard very loud banging, or hammering, coming from s.22(1) camp. It sounded like s.22(1) may have been building something, or adding something onto his structure.

Rangers were unable to see from a distance from the North side of his camp.

Rangers then approached s.22(1) camp and noticed they have added an addition onto their camp,



which is another large tarp over the front area. This section was about 6 foot by 6 foot by 7 feet tall. Rangers asked s.22(1) what the extension was being used for, and he said it was being used as storage for the stuff they wanted to keep from the large pile outside of their camp. He said the other stuff they will bring to the trail for Rangers to remove.

Rangers asked s.22(1) if s.22(1) was home, and s.22(1) said he had seen him leave earlier in the day. Rangers asked if he had mentioned anything about collecting his propane tanks and bringing them to the parking lot, as had been requested of him. Rangers said s.22(1) had also spoke with him about this, and that VFRS had requested this happen, or else a fire order may be given to go into the camps and remove all flammables. s.22(1) said s.22(1) was sleeping and would ask her when she got up, and said he would also remind s.22(1) when he got back. Rangers encouraged them to continue with progress of bringing their garbage out to the trail for Rangers to collect and remove.

As Rangers disengaged, they took note of just how muddy and swampy the area was. The little pathway down the hill to the parking lot of the Music Academy was completely saturated and very slippery. The main trail which Rangers would use to drive trucks in to remove the garbage/items, was too swampy to safely bring the vehicles in. Any removal of items, even the garbage, will need to wait for drier weather.

May 10th, 2023 - 1059hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0854hrs for reports of people setting up a camp in the Music Academy parking lot. Upon arrival, Ranger DON was approached s.22(1)

s.22(1). He said people had been coming into the parking lot bringing items. Ranger DON looked further south in the parking lot and located a large pile of items taking up 3 parking spots. Rangers DON informed the s.22(1) that he would go and speak with the individuals, as they were likely the ones camping in the forest. After the s.22(1) Ranger DON left his

truck to go speak with the individuals. Ranger DON witnessed from a distance, s.22(1) all barking. Ranger DON approached and recognized the male immediately as s.22(1). s.22(1) Ranger DON asked them if the items were theirs, or if they belonged to s.22(1) who were supposed to be bringing garbage and items they want removed, down to the parking lot. At first s.22(1) said the items weren't his, but when Ranger DON said they would be removed as they were considered garbage being brought down by the people in the encampment, s.22(1) then claimed them as his, but then became very dismissive when Ranger DON asked him what he was planning to do with them. Ranger DON then informed s.22(1) that he was actually on Private Property as the lot belonged to the Music Academy, and VPD could be called for trespassing if they did not want him on their premises. s.22(1) and went on about how he didn't care and s.22(1) wouldn't do anything as they have allowed the large encampment in the forest to stay for months. The items s.22(1) had in the parking lot were 2 carts full of wood, 1 cart full of cement bags, some cinder blocks, 2 large blue tarps, and a couple carts full of suitcases.

While Ranger DON was speaking with s.22(1), another couple males on bikes arrived. Ranger DON recognized one of them from previously being at Crab Park. s.22(1)

s.22(1). Due to the number of individuals, Ranger DON disengaged back to his truck. Ranger DON monitored from afar inside of his truck, took notes and photos. While in his truck, Ranger DON witnessed s.22(1) and the other 2 males go up the hill towards the large encampment. Ranger DON got out of his truck and went up the pathway into the forest in the NW corner of the forest. From a distance, Ranger DON could see 5 or 6 people in and around s.22(1) tent. Ranger DON could also smell fire, and could see about s.22(1) by the camp. Ranger DON proceeded to walk along the trail on the west side of the forest, towards the Senakw construction site.

Once Ranger DON got a better angle and could see clearly into the camp, it was noticed that there were another 2 new extensions on s.22(1) structure, plus what looked like the beginning of another structure beside it with a tarp, patio umbrella, and a very large pile of miscellaneous items. In the location where s.22(1) s.22(1) had been putting aside their garbage, there was now a pile of full garbage bags, along with the blue tote, which would equal about 2-3 truckloads of items to remove. Ranger DON was also able to observe an ever increasing pile of bikes, bike parts and bike tires, just outside of s.22(1) camp. Ranger DON did not proceed any further in, but took photos of what he could observe from where he was. Ranger DON then went to the area where s.22(1) had previously had a fire pit, before Rangers dismantled it. In the same location, Ranger DON found a new fire pit, with freshly burned logs. Ranger DON also took photos of this. With nothing further Ranger DON could do safely, Ranger DON disengaged back to his truck. Once back in his truck, Ranger DON witnessed a couple females hauling carts full of items down the street and into the forest. Ranger DON was able to get a photo of them from behind as they hauled the carts into the forest. Finally, as Ranger DON was departing the parking lot, another 2 individuals with carts full of items were seen at the south end of the parking lot, walking towards the east area of the forest. Ranger DON was unable to get a photo of them before they had pushed the carts up the pathway into the forest.

Thursday, May 18, 2023 - 13:46 hours - Rangers ANDERSON (8) and PARK (118) attended Vanier Park in full uniform at 09:12 hours. Rangers conducted a full foot patrol of the indicated parking lot and did not find any unusual debris in the parking stalls. Rangers also conducted a foot patrol of the encampment and BMX parking lot. Two propane containers were left at the encampment for a later removal as per Lead Ranger DON (64). Rangers



cleared at 09:40 hours.

2023-05-23 - 13:09 hrs - At 12:20 hrs, Park Ranger PARK (118) Ranger MACKINTOSH (36) and LEAD Ranger DON (64) attended Vanier Park in full uniform with the City Vehicle C5502 to follow up on a case involving a fire. Upon arrival, Rangers requested safety timer prior to approaching the encampment. Rangers observed s.22(1) sleeping with the side of the tent open who knew nothing in regards to the fire. Rangers proceeded down the encampment next to s.22(1) tent and spotted a pit fire which was still lit. Ranger PARK grabbed a fire extinguisher off of the truck and completely put out the fire.

Fire at the pit appeared to be contained. Rangers cleared at 12:37 hrs.

May 23rd, 2023 - 1410hrs - Rangers DON, MACKINTOSH and PARK attended Vanier Park at 1215hrs for reports of a fire in the area. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a patrol of the encampment area, and checked s.22(1) s.22(1) camp s.22(1) camp, and the 2 new extensions from s.22(1) camp. There was a lot more items and garbage outside of the camp, and about 3 truckloads of garbage now beside the trail. Rangers approached the encampment and called out to s.22(1) but received no answer. Rangers walked around to the back side of the large tarp structure to check on the extension, and noticed a male laying inside one of the extensions. Rangers called out to the individual who woke up and said his name was s.22(1). When asked where s.22(1) were, he said he did not know. Rangers informed him that VFRS would be attending with Rangers on June 6th to remove all flammables from the camp. Rangers requested s.22(1) pass along this messaging to the others in the camp, which s.22(1) said he would do.

May 24, 2023 - 1752hrs

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 1717hrs, Rangers CHEUNG 121 and MORIMOTO 122 attended Cultural Harmony Grove in Vanier Park in full uniform in city vehicle c5502 to conduct a patrol for a structure. Rangers located the structure under the Burrard St Bridge in the north side of the park. Rangers asked Dispatch for a safety timer at 17:17hrs and cleared the timer after no response and seeing that the structure was open with nobody inside at 17:18hrs. Rangers noted soiled items, fire pit, open can of food and a large beige umbrella with other miscellaneous items around. Photo documentation taken on VPR iPhone 4. Rangers removed the 1 truckload of items and disposed of it in the items in Stanley Yard's Compactor. Rangers cleared the area at 1734hrs. End of report.

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - 13:21 hours - Rangers ANDERSON (8) and CAMERON (110) attended Vanier Park in full uniform at 09:02 hours for priority park patrol. Rangers loaded one truckload of garbage from a pile on the path adjacent the encampment. Ranger BIRK (125) and BOURDAIN (128) were also present and removed one truckload of garbage. Rangers cleared at 09:27 hours.  
2023/05/30 - 1335hrs

On May 30, 2023, at approximately 0854hrs, Rangers BIRK (125) and BOURDON (128) attended Vanier Park driving marked VPR truck 7658 in full uniform for homeless camp removal. Rangers discovered the large pile of discarded items along the trail, near the SW encampment entrance. Rangers removed 1 truck load of items. Rangers engaged with a camp resident who identified himself as s.22(1) and stated he would be bringing out more items for removal. Rangers departed at approximately 0934hrs.

June 5th, 2023 - 1238hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 1128hrs for regular forest patrols. Upon arrival, Rangers located a red and grey tent, with a blue tarp over it, in the forest on the north side. Rangers approached and introduced themselves, and a familiar voice responded within. Rangers asked for the male to pop his head out to speak with Rangers. When the individual popped his head out, Rangers recognized the male as s.22(1) previously of Nelson Park. s.22(1)

s.22(1) from the area, as he was causing there to be too much attention on the area. s.22(1) moved to this area, and thought he could stay there for a while because the large camp was up for a while. Rangers educated s.22(1) that the large camp has drawn a lot of attention, and it is a large focus for multiple departments in the city. Rangers requested s.22(1) pack up and leave the forest, and move to the grass area of the park, where he can set his tent up at dusk, and pack down by 8am. Rangers asked s.22(1) if he had spoken with Collingwood House about outreach yet, and s.22(1) informed Rangers he couldn't. When Rangers asked why, s.22(1)

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As Rangers

disengaged, s.22(1) began packing up his tent and items.

June 13th, 2023 - Ranger DON was informed that s.22(1)

s.22(1)

June 15th, 2023 - 1208hrs - Rangers DON, MACKINTOSH and WALLACE attended Vanier Park at 0836hrs to follow up with s.22(1) red tent. Upon arrival, Rangers conducted a patrol of the area, but did not locate s.22(1) tent,



and only located a bag of garbage at his previous location. Rangers removed the garbage from the park for disposal.

June 5th 2023, 1110 hrs - Rangers OTHMAN & DON attended Vanier Park to conduct a regular daily patrol with rangers observing a small green tent in the pond area with ranges identifying themselves as Park Rangers, and observing no individuals inside the tent. Ranges did observe the smell of urine inside as well as drug paraphernalia. Rangers remove the green tent for disposal with rangers departing at 1148.

June 5th, 2023 - 1356hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 1106hrs to inform the camp residents of Rangers and VFRS attending tomorrow to remove all flammables. Rangers approached s.22(1) massive structure and noticed propane tanks, jerry cans of fuel, and barbecues all around the outside of his camp. Rangers called out to s.22(1) who came out of his camp. Rangers informed s.22(1) that Rangers and VFRS would be attending tomorrow to remove all flammables from the camp and forest. Rangers also informed s.22(1) to clear access to inside of his camp, as VFRS will likely need to enter his structure to check for flammables and combustibles. s.22(1) was understanding, and didn't seem phased. Rangers noticed s.22(1) on a stand beside the entrance to his camp. This info will be relayed in the briefing on scene tomorrow.

June 6th, 2023 - 1244hrs - Rangers DON, OTHMAN, FLORES, BUSH, PARK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park with VFRS at 1010hrs to remove flammables and other combustibles. Rangers approached s.22(1) camp and called out. s.22(1) was sleeping inside of his structure at the time. Rangers were able to wake him up and requested him to come out of the structure. s.22(1) came out and Ranger DON reminded him why Rangers and VFRS were there. Rangers asked s.22(1) if he had any flammables and/or combustibles which could be removed, and he said no. Ranger DON pointed to the fire pit, and a large bag of coal for a barbecue, and s.22(1) said he did not know they were there. s.22(1) surrendered the items to Rangers for removal, as well as a small propane tank for portable stoves. Rangers did not push further to check inside s.22(1) structure for anymore flammables/combustibles.

June 6th, 2023 - 1254hrs - Rangers DON, OTHMAN, FLORES, BUSH, PARK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park with VFRS at 1010hrs to enforce the removal of all flammables and combustibles inside of the forest/camp area. Upon arrival, Rangers and VFRS started with s.22(1) camp, and approached and introduced themselves. There was no response from inside of the camp, and Rangers tried again for contact, but yelled out much louder, with no response still. Rangers walked around the camp to see if there was any visual of the inside of the camp, but Rangers were unable to locate any. After Rangers had spoken with s.22(1) yesterday, requesting the put their flammables outside of the camp, there were no items put out for removal. Rangers then spoke with s.22(1) who informed Rangers that s.22(1) were not home and he did not know where they had gone. Rangers and VFRS disengaged from s.22(1) camp with no items were removed.

June 6th, 2023 - 1305hrs - Rangers DON, OTHMAN, FLORES, BUSH, PARK and BOURDON attended Vanier Park with VFRS at 1010hrs to enforce the removal of flammables and combustibles from the forest and camps. After interacting with s.22(1) camps, Rangers moved along to s.22(1) large wooden structure. Rangers approached s.22(1) camp and called out, with s.22(1) responding from inside. s.22(1) came out, and point to the large pile of propane tanks, situated in the bushes to the east of his camp. Rangers began removing the tanks, and while removing them, pulled back carpet and other covers, and located many, many more propane tanks. Rangers and VFRS removed all of the propane tanks from the camp, under the watchful eye of s.22(1) as well as a CTV News crew. While removing the tanks, Rangers also located and removed a 5.3 USG Jerry can partly full of fuel. Also removed was a Honda 2000i generator, as well as some car batteries, and chemical containers. In total, Rangers removed eighty 7.7kg propane tanks, 1 large propane tank for forklifts, 1 jerry can of fuel, 1 generator with fuel inside of it, 3 small barbecue propane cannisters, and 5 aerosol cans of chemicals. Rangers contacted Propane Depot to remove all the tanks Rangers had pulled from the forest, and staged in the parking lot. However, due to the amount of propane tanks, Propane Depot cannot attend to remove the propane tanks until tomorrow. Rangers moved the tanks to a more secluded area of the parking lot, and placed cones around the propane tanks. Photos of the tanks on Lead DON and OTHMAN's phones. Rangers and VFRS cleared shortly afterwards.

July 13th, 2023 - 1328hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0746hrs with VFRS to conduct a patrol of the forest and camp area. VFRS was there to check for active fires. Rangers and VFRS conducted a patrol of the forest and did not locate any active fires. Ranger DON noticed a few camp residents outside of their tents /structures during the patrol. After VFRS had cleared, Ranger DON went back to speak with those individuals. Ranger went to s.22(1) camp on the south fence line of the forest, but s.22(1) had left within the past 5 minutes. He still had his fire pit which looked to have been used on a regular basis, but it was not smouldering. s.22(1) s.22(1).

Ranger DON moved along to the other new wooden structure, which continues to grow with junk and now has a gazebo tent with bike parts underneath it. We have still not yet seen any inhabiting the wooden structure, so it may



just be a very large storage area/landfill.

Moving along to the group of 4 tents, where Ranger DON had seen a couple individuals out front of it on the first patrol around. The 2 individuals had put up a drop cloth around one of the entrances through the gully. As Ranger DON approached, he recognized one of the individuals as s.22(1), who lives in the massive tarp structure with s.22(1).

Ranger DON asked s.22(1) if any of the tents were hers, or if she knew the individuals.

s.22(1) said she was just helping "her new neighbour" set up some privacy drapes around her tent. The other female, who refused to give her name, said she had moved in from Crab Park. Ranger DON informed s.22(1) and the other female that they should begin packing up their items in preparation to leave the park, as Park operations was going to be bringing in heavy machinery to clear the forest of all invasive plant species. The encampments would need to be dismantled before that, and heavy machinery would be used to tear them down.

s.22(1) argued that it was first nations land, and that could not happen. Ranger DON corrected her and pointed to where the first nations property started. Ranger DON also encouraged her to use a city computer at a library, and look up the owner/organization responsible for the forest area, and she would see it is the Parksboard.

s.22(1) then tried arguing that she had been told before that it was a sensitive ecosystem. Ranger DON informed her that yes, it had previously been, but it has now been destroyed by her and the other campers. Eagles are no longer nesting in the area because of the consistent smoke from fires, noise and the construction from beside the forest. s.22(1) tried arguing that she has seen eagles flying above, which Ranger DON agreed with her that there have likely been many flying above, but none are nesting there. Next s.22(1) tried arguing that a Coyote frequents the area, and destroying the forest with heavy machinery would destroy its habitat. Ranger DON responded to this stating Coyotes are not a protected species, and they area very adaptive and would have no problem moving away from the forest. Finally, s.22(1) informed Ranger DON that they would not be moving, and would solidify their structure more and make barriers to prevent machinery from coming in. Ranger DON informed her that it may lead to them getting detained and moved from the area, or arrested for preventing staff from conducting their work. s.22(1), so Ranger DON disengaged and said Rangers would follow up at another time.

Ranger DON proceeded to walk around the forest, and check out s.22(1) camp from the backside of it. Ranger DON spotted numerous propane tanks inside of his structure, and also noticed about 10 propane tanks dumped in the ditch which had previously held the majority of the 85 propane tanks previously removed about a month ago. Ranger DON did not call out to see if s.22(1) was home, but took photos of the propane tanks on his lead phone. Ranger DON also noticed he had re-attached a new hose after Rangers had cut the previous one. Water was leaking out of the hose at a considerable rate, which Ranger DON also took a photo of, and noted due to water restrictions.

On the way out of the forest and back to his truck, Ranger DON noticed an individual working on building a wooden frame around the new tent, which had been set up outside of s.22(1). The male was using a power saw and hammer to put together walls for his structure. The next time Rangers attend, the gazebo tent of his will likely be fortified with lumber. Ranger DON did not take a photo so that the individual did not notice him at this time.

July 25th, 2023 - 1325hrs - Ranger DON attended Vanier Park at 0717hrs with VPD and Park Ops to conduct an assessment of the forest in preparation of a planned decampment of all of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Ranger DON met with CST Cristina BRANCO, who is the new Problem Property Inspector for the VPD. Also on scene was Cal, a VPD Staff Sergeant for District 4, a VPD Business Unit Officer, and 2 officers from patrol. Superintendent Rob SIMS from the west area Park Ops, as well as one of his heavy machinery operators were also on scene. Ranger DON and VPD entered the camp to speak with each of the occupants of a planned visit on Thursday, from Sue BAKER, director of outreach and homelessness services for the City of Vancouver.

Ranger DON acted as contact for each encampment, with CST BRANCO acting as cover the majority of the time. The first camp which was approached was s.22(1) massive tarp structure. Ranger DON approached and called out, but received no response. Rangers and VPD noted multiple bikes and bike parts, all of which had their serial numbers scratched off. In the past, s.22(1) as their way of making

money. Rangers checked around the other side of s.22(1) structure, to check on s.22(1) tarp structure, but s.22(1) was also not home. Ranger DON noticed there was a smell of fire and smoke coming from the fire pit outside of s.22(1) structure. Ranger DON noticed the coals were still warm, and had likely been used for a fire earlier in the morning. Ranger DON continued calling out to see if s.22(1) was

around, but received no answer. Ranger DON noticed the entrance to the tarp structure was open, so Ranger DON peeked inside. The structure was full of bedding, clothes, storage racks, tools, and other miscellaneous items. Just outside of their tent, VPD noticed a machete and a large knife, which they photographed and removed. One VPD CST was taking video and photos the entire time and stated he would be sending them to Deputy Chief Howard CHOW. As Rangers and VPD were clearing s.22(1) site, as well as s.22(1), 5 propane tanks were noticed in the garbage pile outside of their structure, as well as a full Jerry Can, likely of fuel.

Rangers moved along to s.22(1)'s camp, and called out for s.22(1). A different male responded and said s.22(1) was not there, and that he was the "caretaker" of s.22(1) structure. Ranger DON requested the male come out and speak



with him, so that it would be easier to communicate. The male refused to do so, and told Ranger DON to "fuck off". CST BRANCO then called out to the male stating it was the VPD, and the male ignored her requests for communication. Rangers and VPD moved around to the east side entrance to s.22(1) structure, and noticed the tarp was slightly open, allowing Ranger DON and VPD to see inside. Ranger DON noticed propane tanks on the floor just inside the tarp, and pointed them out to VPD to photograph. VPD pulled the tarp back to take photos, and the male came out of the main area of the structure, yelling at Rangers and VPD to go away. Ranger DON informed the male that outreach would be there on Thursday, and asked him to relay the message to s.22(1). The male said he wouldn't, and told Ranger DON and VPD to "leave his home". He then noticed VPD recording and photographing him, and yelled that they not do so, which VPD informed him they could as he was in a public place. The male started arguing that it was native land, and Rangers and VPD had no authority to enforce laws or bylaws. Ranger DON corrected him stating the land was under jurisdiction of the Parksboard, allowing Rangers to enforce the Parks Control Bylaw inside of that jurisdiction. The male continued to argue, so VPD attempted to de-escalate him, and requested the male's ID. The male refused and VPD asked what he would like to be called, and he said s.22(1). Seeing as the conversation was no longer productive, Rangers and VPD disengaged as the male was swearing at them.

Ranger DON and VPD moved along to the large wooden structure with tarps and a gazebo tent, down the hill from s.22(1) camp. More bike parts and bikes had accumulated. There was a lot more garbage and more tarps added to the wooden structure. VPD checked inside of the structure after there was no response upon calling out. The structure was unoccupied, but it was evident someone was actively living inside of it. VPD took photos of buckets of feces, syringes, and drug paraphernalia.

Ranger DON and VPD moved along to s.22(1) camp on the south edge of the forest. s.22(1) has added to his wooden structure with more tarps and a fly new around his structure. s.22(1) came out of his structure and was polite and open in his conversation with Ranger DON and VPD. He was open in speaking s.22(1). When Ranger DON informed s.22(1) that outreach would be there on Thursday to discuss options, s.22(1) s.22(1). Ranger DON still encouraged him to speak with Sue BAKER when she comes, as there may be some options available to him, and there may be something she could do to assist. s.22(1) said he would be there s.22(1) also pointed out that he has not had any fires since Rangers last visited and were firm with him about fires in a forest and park.

Ranger DON and VPD then moved along to the multiple tents and structures in the gulley, but as they approached they encountered about 1 foot of standing water. All tents and structures were partly submerged, and as expected, all items were abandoned. Once the water dries up, a removal of these abandoned items will be scheduled.

After Ranger DON and VPD left the gulley area, they encountered a green and grey tent in the SE corner of the forest. There were 3 individuals standing outside of the tent, 1 of which, Ranger recognized immediately as having been an occupant in one of the structures in the gulley. Because they just had a tent with minimal items inside of it, the group was educated on the bylaw, and encouraged to go to Cultural Harmony Grove and only set up their tent at dusk and be packed up and mobile by 8am each morning. The group said they would do that. VPD ID'd one of the males, s.22(1), and the female, s.22(1). Ranger DON also remembered the couple being camped at Sunset Beach not too long ago. The s.22(1)

s.22(1) After getting this info, VPD chose not to ID him, and just went with the name s.22(1) said his name was - s.22(1) While Ranger DON and VPD were engaged with the group, Ranger DON witnessed s.22(1) ride through the BMX area, towards her tarp structure. Ranger DON and VPD then disengaged from the 3 individuals and then noticed from a distance the group packing up the tent.

Finally, Rangers and VPD made their way back to s.22(1) camp to speak with s.22(1) came out of her structure, and was informed that Sue BAKER from City Outreach would be attending on Thursday.

s.22(1) stated that she has already spoken with Sue before and she did nothing for s.22(1) s.22(1) said she will not go into an SRO and will likely turn down any housing offered by Sue. s.22(1) asked why their garbage they had piled beside the trail had not been picked up, with Ranger DON replying that when a bin was placed for them to put their garbage in, as requested, they did not use it, so the bin was removed.

s.22(1) complained that the garbage was bringing rats and they wanted it to be removed as soon as possible. VPD did not have any other questions for s.22(1), and said they looked forward to speaking with her again in the future. As Ranger DON and VPD were disengaging, s.22(1) rode back into the camp. VPD asked s.22(1) a couple of questions, but he did not answer any of them and just ignored officers. VPD chose not to push the issue any longer, and Ranger DON and VPD disengaged from the forest.

Back in the parking lot, Ranger DON, VPD and Park Ops coordinated and discussed next steps, and including s.13(1)

2023/08/05 - 1314hrs

On Aug.05, 2023, at approximately 1202hrs, Rangers BIRK (125) and SIDHU (136) attended Vanier Park, driving marked VPR truck B5852, in full uniform for proactive patrol. Rangers observed smoke coming from the forested area near the homeless encampment. As Rangers approached the camp site, they could smell a wood fire.



Rangers entered the forest area and located the small wood campfire. Individual responsible for starting the fire identified himself to Rangers as s.22(1) and stated he had been using the fire to cook food. Rangers informed s.22(1) that wood fires are not permitted in the Park and of the associated fire risk in the forest given the dry conditions. s.22(1) was instructed to extinguish the fire. Rangers stood-by until fire was completely extinguished using a bucket of water. Rangers departed from area at approximately 1228hrs.



**From:** "Erickson, Zack" <Zack.Erickson@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "PB FOI Requests" s.15(1)(l) [REDACTED]  
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**Date:** 9/13/2023 9:10:45 AM  
**Subject:** CM: Fw: Vanier FOI Emails (FOI Request 2023-547)

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I have also added the email chain, attachments, etc, to the file and put it in the PARKBOARDFOI file for your review.



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Please below and attached

**From:** Don, Andrew <Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca>  
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Great. See you then

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**From:** Sims, Rob <Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 3:23:27 PM  
**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca>; Othman, Justin <Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca>;  
Don, Andrew <Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Meneghello, Tricia <Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Vanier Park

Hi Uultsje. We can meet you tomorrow at 10am.



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Sent: September 11, 2023 8:16 AM

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Subject: Vanier Park

Hi Rob,

Is it possible to meet out at Vanier tomorrow around 10am or if another time is possible please let me know. Thank you

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Good Morning

Please have Taylor go sling with other Rangers Monday to speak with those left in Vanier to find out exactly when they're moving out.

Uultsje

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Thank you!

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**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Report Vanier

3 structures, 4 people. s.22(1)

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**From:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Report Vanier

How many are left living there now

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**From:** Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Report Vanier

Sorry forgot to attach the report

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**From:** Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>  
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Cc: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Vanier Patrol

Will do I actually said 16/17 and last day is 18

From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Friday, September 08, 2023 2:05 PM

To: Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Re: Vanier Patrol

Thank you Justin

Let's keep that message going that they need to have whatever they want to keep out of Vanier by September 18 because the 19th is the day structures need to be removed.

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From: Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:56:06 PM

To: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Vanier Patrol

Hi to you both,

Today's Vanier walkthrough was non eventful and s.22(1) and s.22(1) were notified to leave by the 18<sup>th</sup> as crews are coming in on 19<sup>th</sup> to remove remaining structures. Rangers removed a couple of camping propane bottles (small ones) and did not notice any other flammables.

Report is included

Thanks

Justin

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Thanks, Andrew! Much appreciated

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From: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>



Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:41:40 PM  
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It has been Shea from MPA and Sue Baker from the City.

The campers still remaining there are s.22(1) and s.22(1)

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From: Kahlon, Manjinder SDPR:EX <[Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca)>  
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:36:08 PM  
To: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: RE: Vanier Park

Sounds good, thanks. Would you happen to know which groups will come out? Carnegie? From: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 5:56 PM To: Kahlon, Manjinder SDPR:EX <[Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca)>

Sounds good, thanks.

Would you happen to know which groups will come out? Carnegie?

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From: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 5:56 PM  
To: Kahlon, Manjinder SDPR:EX <[Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca)>  
Subject: Re: Vanier Park

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I don't think any are going to be there that day. I think they are doing one more outreach day on the 12th. There are only 3 people left there, everyone else has left.



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From: Kahlon, Manjinder SDPR:EX  
<[Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca)<mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca>>  
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 4:35:19 PM  
To: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)<mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca>>  
Subject: RE: Vanier Park

Hi Andrew, I appreciate the information. Do you know if any outreach or support agencies may be in attendance on September 19? As s.22(1) [REDACTED], confirming what may be required of our team. Thanks! Mini From: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Hi Andrew,

I appreciate the information.

Do you know if any outreach or support agencies may be in attendance on September 19? As s.22(1) [REDACTED], confirming what may be required of our team.

Thanks!  
Mini

From: Don, Andrew  
<[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)<mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca>>  
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:21 PM  
To: Kahlon, Manjinder SDPR:EX  
<[Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca)<mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca>>  
Subject: Vanier Park



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Hi Manjinder,

I was forwarded your email on Vanier by Taylor. I have been overseeing the decampment there for the past 8 months, and can confirm that September 19th is the absolute removal date. We have VPD, heavy machinery, Sanitation and Rangers coming in on OT to remove everything. As I am sure you have seen in the news, the amount of propane tanks, flammables, weapons, and the extremely unsanitary conditions, have necessitated this. Outreach has been in there consistently since April, and most of the campers have been working with outreach, and are no longer in the forest. The last 2 encampments there have been there for over 10 months, and have been adamant the entire time they do not want any outreach assistance. 2 of them have said the only way they are leaving the forest is if they are provided s.22(1) s.22(1). These 2 individuals have had over a dozen fires in the past 6 months, including this morning where they left a fire unattended in their structure. It was lucky we were there, and were able to call VFRS immediately.

But to answer your question, yes, there will be a full scale removal of all items from the forest on the 19th, and if the individuals refuse to leave, they will most likely be dealt with by police.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

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From: Kahlon, Manjinder SDPR:EX <[Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Manjinder.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:09 PM

To: Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Vanier Park



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Hello you two,

I just heard they are looking to decamp Vanier on Sept 19.

Any other info you can provide?

Thank you!

Mini

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Hi Cristina,

Forgot to add.

In total:

3 Rangers – 2.25 hours each

2 Rangers – 30 minutes each

4 VFRS – 30 minutes each

10 large propane tanks removed

2 small propane tanks removed

5 boat batteries removed

1 large generator removed

1 small generator removed

1 large knife removed

If you want to add in officer numbers and how long they were there for.

Andrew

From: Don, Andrew

Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2023 12:36 PM

To: BRANCO, Cristina <[cristina.branco@vpd.ca](mailto:cristina.branco@vpd.ca)>



**Subject: Vanier Park - September 7th, 2023 Report**

Hi Cristina,

Here is my report from Vanier today.

September 7th, 2023 – s.22(1) 1130hrs - Rangers DON, PARK and POLLARD attended Vanier Park at 0753hrs to follow up with the structures in the park, remind them of the September 19th removal date, and remove any items they do not want to leave the park with. Upon arrival, Rangers checked s.22(1) and s.22(1) camp, and yelled out multiple times, but did not receive an answer. Rangers could see into the east side part of the structure, and noticed an unattended open flame, which was about 3 feet in height. Rangers yelled out again, but still no answer. Ranger DON instructed Ranger POLLARD to go grab the fire extinguisher in preparation to extinguish the fire. While Ranger POLLARD was getting the fire extinguisher, Ranger DON took a video the fire, and sent it to Superintendent DEJONG. As Ranger DON was monitoring the flame, it did not appear to be out of control, or in imminent danger of catching the entire tent on fire at the time. Rangers contacted VFRS for assistance in putting out the fire, and then conducting an investigation.

While waiting for VFRS, Rangers continued to monitor the fire from outside of the structure, ready to enter the structure and use the extinguisher if necessary. Ranger PARK conducted a check around the structure for any fuel or flammables, and located 3 propane tanks right behind the tarp where the fire was. These propane tanks were not in that location 2 days ago, when Rangers removed over 150 propane tanks from the forest. Ranger PARK removed the propane tanks from the forest, to prevent any interaction between the fire and the propane tanks.

VFRS arrived on scene shortly afterwards. As fire crews were about to enter the structure to extinguish and investigate the fire s.22(1) came out of the back room of the structure, which she has said before is their "bedroom". s.22(1) extinguished the fire, and said she had been monitoring it the whole time, even though she had not responded at all to Rangers yelling and calling out to see if anyone was home. VFRS spoke sternly with her, but Rangers were not able to fully make out the conversation due to being outside of the structure. Once the fire was out, and some flammables (candles and wood) were removed from the structure by VFRS, they disengaged back to the trail to speak with Rangers. Rangers were able to get VFRS File # 230048287, and were informed it was Pump 4 attending. The Captain on scene said that the entire structure smelled of burning wood, and they were going to get a Fire Investigator on scene to check on everything. The Captain said he would recommend a fire order be issued for the encampments, and stated if a large fire broke out, the whole area would be up in flames. VFRS disengaged after this, and Rangers approached s.22(1) in her camp to remind her of the September 19th removal date. s.22(1) said she knew, and Rangers asked her if she had any items she would like to get rid of today, to which she said no. Rangers disengaged to attend to the other structures in the forest.

September 7th, 2023 – s.22(1) 1225hrs - Rangers DON, PARK and POLLARD attended Vanier Park at 0753hrs to follow up with the remaining s.22(1) structures in the park, and remind them all of the September 19th removal date. Upon arrival, Rangers checked on s.22(1) structure, and found 7 new propane tanks outside of the structure, which had only been brought into the park in the past day and a half, after 157 were removed 2 days prior. Rangers removed those propane tanks from the park for recycling to Propane Depot.

Rangers returned to the camp, and called out to see if anyone was inside of the camp, but received no response. Rangers heard a generator running outside of the structure, and followed the sound to find the source. Rangers followed the sound until they came across a stack of blankets, and began pulling the blankets off. Each blanket got hotter and hotter as they were pulled off. Finally, after the 7th blanket was pulled off, Rangers located the generator, which was running loudly, and was extremely hot. Rangers were able to turn off the generator, and disengaged for the time being. Just as Rangers turned off the generator, 5 VPD officers arrived, after being called by Rangers shortly before. While Rangers were briefing the officers, Rangers noticed someone moving around inside of the structure, by the way the tarped wall was moving. Suddenly, the generator turned back on. VPD officers approached the front of the structure, and called out to anyone inside, but there was no response. Just inside of the front entrance, Rangers noticed 2 full Jerry cans of gasoline, and 1 full container of motor oil. Rangers removed those items from the park to be disposed of at a recycling location. VPD officers continued to call out, and used their flashlights to shine into the main rooms of the structure, hoping to get a response, but officers did not



receive a response. After Rangers had removed the Jerry Cans, Rangers noticed another very large generator sitting in a corner in the entranceway to the structure. Rangers took note of it, but disengaged from the structure with the Jerry Cans at this time.

After Rangers had brought the Jerry Cans and Propane Tanks back to the truck, Rangers headed back to s.22(1) structure to remove the 2 generators. By now, the one which had been running had cooled down enough for Rangers to carry it out of the forest. The other generator was removed from the structure, and carried to the trail by all 3 Rangers, and later loaded into the back of the truck to remove from the forest. The generators were later returned back to the yard and stored for up to 30 days.

Upon returning to the camp, Rangers noticed the 5 boat batteries which had been stolen and returned to the Marina on Tuesday, to have now been re-stolen, and back in s.22(1) camp. Rangers removed these from the forest back to the truck, where they will be stored at the service yard the Marina can come and pick them up again.

While Rangers were doing this, Ranger DON noticed a suspicious s.22(1), ride up beside s.22(1) and s.22(1) tent, and call out to s.22(1). Ranger DON approached the s.22(1) and asked if she was living, or had been living in the park. The s.22(1) said no, s.22(1) was just visiting s.22(1). Ranger DON was aware that s.22(1) was s.22(1) real name, s.22(1). Once the unknown s.22(1) saw VPD officers behind Ranger DON, she got back on s.22(1) and rode out of the park in the opposite direction from VPD. s.22(1) s.22(1). Rangers and VPD did not follow her to see where she went.

After this, VPD disengaged from the park, as did Rangers after all of the propane tanks, Jerry Cans, and generators were loaded into the back of the truck. Rangers took photos of the items removed, and sent the serial number of the newer, large generator to VPD. The serial number was YF192FD-110. While Rangers were on scene, the Fire Investigator did not show up.

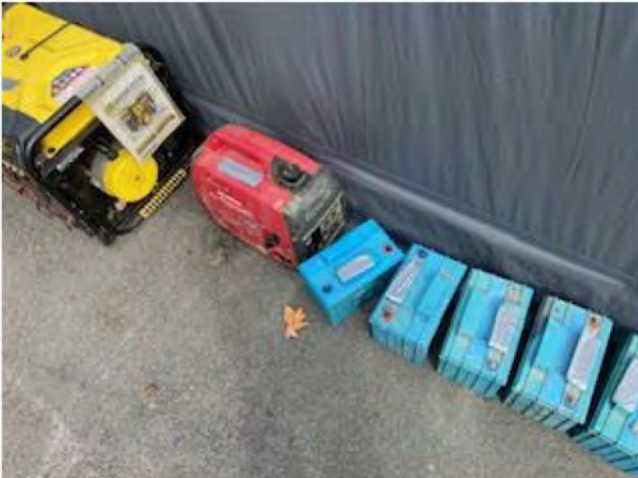
September 7th, 2023 – s.22(1) 1148hrs - Rangers DON, PARK and POLLARD attended Vanier Park at 0753hrs to follow up with the remaining structures, and remind them of the September 19th removal date. Upon arrival, Rangers checked with s.22(1) and s.22(1) structure, and dealt with that issue. After clearing that structure and moving onto s.22(1) structure, VPD was now on scene.

Rangers and VPD approached s.22(1) structure, and found it to be unoccupied. Ranger DON located a curved blade, resembling a knife which could easily be called a weapon. Photos on Lead DON's phone. VPD seized the knife from the camp. Before Rangers and VPD disengaged from the camp, Rangers removed 2 small propane canisters, which were transported back to the yard, to be returned to Propane Depot at a later date.

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**From:** Park Ranger Field 1 s.15(1)(l)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** Lead Ranger <Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** Vanier Park - Sept 7, 2023  
Hello Leads/Uultsje,









Here are the photos we have.

10 propane tanks  
2 jerry cans  
2 small propane tanks  
1 bottle of motor oil  
2 generators.



The propane tanks, jerry cans and motor oil are disposed of by the compacter and the generator and batteries are next to the UTV cover. The generator and batteries are labeled "Vanier park September 7, 2023".

Thank you,  
Liam

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Good Morning,

Coleton will be in Drivers Services Single Axle Mentor Snow fight training all day on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If the backhoe is needed we will need to work around this training. I'm not sure what the area looks like but one thing to be concerned about is going in with inflatable tires vs. a tracked machine. I know at First and Rupert we went with the latter to avoid popping of tires. Perhaps the mini Ex could assist if the debris is sharp.

Thoughts?

Mike

From: Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:12 PM

To: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>;

Knoll, Michael <[Michael.Knoll@vancouver.ca](mailto:Michael.Knoll@vancouver.ca)>; Thirkell, James <[James.Thirkell@vancouver.ca](mailto:James.Thirkell@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Re: Vanier

Hi Uultsje. No problem. Will have to do a site visit. Might need use of the backhoe and/or Beach loader. Will follow up. Have cc'd Mike and Jim accordingly to loop them in.



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From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:07 AM

To: Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Vanier

Good Morning Rob,



Rangers and Sanitation were at Vanier park yesterday and started with 9 tents and left with three remaining structures still to be removed. A total of approx. 1650 kgs of garbage was removed as well as 157 large propane tanks. On September 19<sup>th</sup> Rangers and Sanitation will again attend Vanier to do a final push and clear the park. Would you be able to assist us on that date with a loader or other machine to remove the wooded structures on site. We are hoping to be there at 8:30am to begin this operation. Please let me know if you need any further information. Thank you

**Uultsje DeJong** | [Superintendent, Park Rangers](#)

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No, I removed that section

From: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2023 11:03 AM

To: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Propane Tanks Picked Up

Were we doing a joint patrol of the forest with VFRS? I noticed that on the previous Vanier notice.

Andrew

From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2023 10:54 AM

To: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Propane Tanks Picked Up

Fantastic. Thank you

From: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2023 10:53 AM

To: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Propane Tanks Picked Up

Hi Uultsje,

Just an FYI, the propane tanks have been picked up from Vanier.

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Schedule updated.

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From: Dong, Tricia <[Tricia.Dong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Tricia.Dong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2023 11:25 PM

To: Penton, Christopher <[Christopher.Penton@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christopher.Penton@vancouver.ca)>; Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Ulpindo, Dinel <[Dinel.Ulpindo@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dinel.Ulpindo@vancouver.ca)>; Lead Ranger <[Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; Bush, Zachary <[Zachary.Bush@vancouver.ca](mailto:Zachary.Bush@vancouver.ca)>; Flores, Allen <[Allen.Flores@vancouver.ca](mailto:Allen.Flores@vancouver.ca)>; Hall, Clive <[Clive.Hall@vancouver.ca](mailto:Clive.Hall@vancouver.ca)>; Samson, Timothy <[Timothy.Samson@vancouver.ca](mailto:Timothy.Samson@vancouver.ca)>; Chang, Austin <[Austin.Chang@vancouver.ca](mailto:Austin.Chang@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Re: Vanier Park - Tuesday Sept5 PM Ranger OT extensions

See revised Ranger deployment for overnight - **142 Austin CHANG** in place of **104 Tim SAMSON**.

Thanks,

Trish

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From: Dong, Tricia

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:00 PM



To: Penton, Christopher <[Christopher.Penton@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christopher.Penton@vancouver.ca)>; Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
Cc: Ulpindo, Dinel <[Dinel.Ulpindo@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dinel.Ulpindo@vancouver.ca)>; Lead Ranger <[Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; Bush, Zachary <[Zachary.Bush@vancouver.ca](mailto:Zachary.Bush@vancouver.ca)>; Flores, Allen <[Allen.Flores@vancouver.ca](mailto:Allen.Flores@vancouver.ca)>; Hall, Clive <[Clive.Hall@vancouver.ca](mailto:Clive.Hall@vancouver.ca)>; Samson, Timothy <[Timothy.Samson@vancouver.ca](mailto:Timothy.Samson@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: Vanier Park - Tuesday Sept5 PM Ranger OT extensions

Hi Chris,

Please note the following Rangers who are on approved OT for the Vanier Park overnight deployment:

142 Austin CHANG

126 Clive HALL

Estimated time for OT: 3.5hrs (until 0330hrs) or until AM Rangers relief arrive.

Thank you,

Trish

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Hi Cristina,

Here is my report from my observations. Things happened that I wasn't able to observe and didn't add them in my report. Let me know if you would like me to cut this down into a point form summary. Feel free to edit and add in anything you observed. My boss should find out the tonnage of the items removed later tonight.

September 5th, 2023 - 1720hrs - Rangers DON, OTHMAN, GUERIN, FLORES, JOHL, NGUYEN, BUSH, PARK, BOURDON and SHU attended Vanier Park with VPD at 0900hrs to remove propane tanks, flammables, abandoned structures, and other miscellaneous garbage. Upon arrival, Ranger DON met with VPD officers in the Music Academy Parking Lot, before proceeding to the BMX Parking lot to enter with all other Rangers.

The first priority carried out was the removal of a pile of propane tanks, beside <sup>5.22(1)</sup> wooden warehouse structure. Rangers pulled off the tarps and uncovered more propane tanks than had been removed only 90 days prior. Rangers formed an assembly line, and when all were removed from the location, a grand total of 148 propane tanks were removed from that location (the total number removed on the day from the forest was 157). While



Rangers were removing the propane tanks, VPD officers BRANCO and PENNER, as well as a few others, spoke with s.22(1) inside of his structure, and patrolled the forest to speak with any other campers on scene. Including the propane tanks, Rangers also removed 4 empty jerry cans, and 7 car/boat batteries. These batteries were claimed by staff from the Burrard Marina as ones which had previously been stolen from the Marina. Rangers lined up the propane tanks in the BMX parking lot, and contacted Propane Depot to come remove them. Propane Depot informed Rangers that they did not have a vehicle available to pick up that many propane tanks at that time, but said they would make one available to come tomorrow to pick up the tanks. Rangers DON and OTHMAN coordinated with Superintendent DEJONG to have 4 Rangers work OT overnight to monitor the tanks, so they wouldn't end up back in the forest.

While Rangers were removing the propane tanks, a new structure was located, which was not there yesterday when Rangers DON and OTHMAN did the site assessment. Rangers also located a burned pallet beside the structure, which also was not there yesterday. This structure was later dismantled and all items were removed from the forest for disposal.

Rangers were informed shortly after the propane removal that Sanitation would not be on scene with their compactor truck, until 1030hrs. Rangers then proceeded to drive 5 trucks into the forest trail, down into the gulley where there had been multiple abandoned camps sitting there for over 2 months. Rangers filled up 5 truckloads with the abandoned items and garbage, and those were also removed from the forest. The items were all soiled, and included tents, tarps, clothing, carpets, couch cushions, barbecues, and lots of random items with no significant value. After loading up the trucks, Rangers returned them to the parking lot, just as Sanitation was arriving on scene.

Sanitation proceeded to enter the forest trail with their compactor truck, starting down at s.22(1) abandoned camp against the south fence, and s.22(1) storage warehouse beside his main camp, just down the hill from s.22(1) and s.22(1) camp. As Sanitation was making their way through the trail, Rangers DON and OTHMAN checked on s.22(1) and s.22(1) camp to see if either of them were home. Neither of them were, so Rangers proceeded to remove some propane tanks, flammables, and also took photos of the rooms inside of the structure. As Rangers were removing the propane tanks, s.22(1) returned via bike, and immediately was quite angry. VPD was on scene to diffuse s.22(1), who began arguing with VPD that it was First Nations land and they were allowed to camp there. When she was continually told that was not true, and she continued arguing, Ranger DON interjected and informed s.22(1) what has been told to her on numerous occasions. The education she has received is that the land is leased to the Parksboard, allowing them to enforce Parks Bylaws in the park. That she had been informed by Squamish Nation that she was not welcome on their land directly next to the forest, and finally that if she did not agree with the bylaw, she was welcome to argue it in court, but it would not prevent Rangers from enforcing the bylaws as they are currently written, at that time. After being informed of this, s.22(1) stopped arguing, and instead went back into her structure and pulled the tarps closed to prevent Rangers and/or VPD from seeing inside.

Rangers and Sanitation proceeded down to s.22(1) camp, and found that he was not home. Rangers were already given the green light to remove his wooden storage structure. Removing the structure was very onerous as it was put together with nails and screws. Rangers and Sanitation were able to dismantle the structure, and disposed of all items inside of the compactor truck. The items included tarps, tools, wood, chairs, bike parts, and miscellaneous garbage of no significant value.

While removing that camp, Ranger DON checked up on the hill behind the structure, and located another abandoned camp. This camp consisted of a small mattress, covered by pallets, plywood and tarps. There was also green netting put around it to hide it, and there was lots of soiled cardboard in front of it. There was no one there at the time, so the structure was dismantled and all items were disposed of in the compactor truck. Before Rangers and Sanitation left that area, they were instructed to check for, and remove any flammables inside of s.22(1) main structure. Some wood, a jerry can, a couple candles and a butane torch were removed, with the remaining items left for a later removal.

As Rangers were finishing removing the wooden storage structure of s.22(1) other Rangers began dismantling and removing s.22(1) old, abandoned structure against the south fence. The structure was put together with wood, nails, metal straps, tarps, all over a gazebo tent. Because the items were nailed into the pallets which made up the floor, it took a lot of cutting and pulling and slashing to rip the structure apart. The inside of the structure was clear, outside of a few items like a water bottle, bike helmet and some stale buns. There was also some camouflaged fabric nailed up to the trees on the outside of the structure to conceal it from passer bys. Rangers were able to remove all items for disposal, and remove the nails and screws in the trees, which were used to hold up the fabric. The final thing removed from the area was an abandoned mattress which was left behind by s.22(1) and s.22(1).



from when they had been set up in the SE corner of the forest.

Rangers and Sanitation began backtracking on the trail, on the way to the entrance of the trail, to remove 2 abandoned camps, which had been removed to the side of the trail by 4 Rangers. On the way there though, all of the garbage and totes which s.22(1) and s.22(1) had left outside of their camp to be removed, were finally removed into the back of the compactor truck. While doing this, it was noticed that s.22(1) was no on scene inside of his structure with s.22(1). Rangers asked if the items outside of their tent could be removed. s.22(1) was hesitant, but s.22(1) agreed to surrender a bunch of unwanted items, which included 8 propane tanks. Rangers reminded the couple that Rangers would be there daily over the next 2 weeks to remove whatever items they could not take with them when they leave the park. They were also reminded that in 2 weeks, on September 19th, whatever items they had left in the park would be removed and disposed of. Neither s.22(1) nor s.22(1) seemed phased by this, which seemed on par with what they had stated to Rangers the past few times Rangers had been there with outreach. That message was that they did not believe the Parksboard would follow through with the removal, and they would not be removed from the forest. Rangers assured them that would not be the case, and September 19th would be the full removal day with Rangers, Sanitation, Park Ops and VPD. Rangers, Sanitation and VPD disengaged from their camp after this message was delivered.

Finally, Rangers and Sanitation moved along to the 2 abandoned camps which had been pulled out of the forest by Rangers BUSH, PARK, BOURDON and SHU, while the other structures were being removed. These items from the abandoned camps included a broken gazebo tent, soiled clothing, sleeping bags, cardboard, a couple mirrors, some small battery chargers, a surfboard, and other miscellaneous items which had no significant value. After removing these items from the trails edge, Rangers and Sanitation disengaged from the forest, and cleared from the park at 1320hrs.

In total:

10 Rangers at 4.5 hours each

4-12 VPD officers - 4 at 4 hours each

8 Sanitation staff - 8 at 3 hours each

105 truckloads removed, along with 157 propane tanks.

Even after removing all of that, there are still 3 large structures remaining in the forest. s.22(1) massive wooden warehouse s.22(1) and s.22(1) room tarp structure full of bike parts, flammables, their cast iron furnace, and tons of items. Finally s.22(1) blue gazebo tent and small blue tent structure are also still in the park. These 3 structures amount to an estimated 250 truckloads still remaining to be dismantled and disposed of. s.22(1) structure and s.22(1) and s.22(1) structure have been in the encampment area since the start, and are bigger today than they been at any previous occasion since the encampment's inception.

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Lead Park Ranger

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Copy that!

Thanks for updating the schedule.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2023 2:26 PM

To: Penton, Christopher <[Christopher.Penton@vancouver.ca](mailto:Christopher.Penton@vancouver.ca)>

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Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: Rangers AM OT for tomorrow (September 6th)

Hi Chris,

Allen and Zach **s.22(1)** to monitor some removed items from Vanier Park, so they aren't returned to the forest before they are picked up tomorrow morning.

2 PM Rangers **s.22(1)** but I do not know who those are right now. I have updated the schedule for Allen and Zach and reminded them to fill out an OT form it.

Cheers,



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Will do

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Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2023 9:43 AM  
To: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: Vanier

Good morning

Could you both please look at tomorrow's schedule and identify some rangers to go to Vanier Park to remind those staying there that Tuesday sanitation will be there at 9 am along with rangers to remove garbage and debris and that they need to start moving elsewhere as in two weeks we need to clear the park before it begins to rain every day and makes the park a pond. Thanks

Uultsje

Awesome! Thanks Cristina. It looks like it will be at 9am on Tuesday. I will forward you all associated emails regarding it to keep you in the loop.



Andrew

**From:** BRANCO, Cristina <[cristina.branco@vpd.ca](mailto:cristina.branco@vpd.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2023 5:12:42 PM  
**To:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Vanier Park

I'm in ! I will find a couple more people to join me.  
Good work and making this happen !

**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Vanier Park

Hi Cristina,  
See below for scheduled time for us and Sanitation going in and removing large items from the forest.  
My boss said minimal VPD presence should be fine, and asked me to reach out to you and see if you were available to attend?  
Feel free to update your bosses with this as well.  
Thanks,



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I am thankful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt / səliłwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

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Good Afternoon,

I have confirmed that Sanitation will be at the parking lot next to the Music Academy at 9am on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. The plan should be to remove as much debris and garbage as possible and the messaging should be that in two weeks everything else should be moved by them or it will be removed by Rangers and Sanitation.

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- s.22(1) – has been pillaged completed, see photo attached, confirmed for Sanitation removal Sept 5.
  - s.22(1) – no change here which is great, still piles of garbage to go, and that soaked mattress
  - s.22(1) – understood the weekly notice, is working with MPA outreach to do a coordinated 12 step recovery program that is part of the requirement to “bring his warrants forward” and obtain social assistance – with s.22(1) who was my communication for this, I’ll be connecting with Andre for updates here.
  - s.22(1) – not on site, lots of movement in his structures, stated there was never a s.22(1) but it’s all s.22(1) anyways. More identified stolen goods, and more damage to surrounding environmental area. The plywood structure on the left is what is being removed and knowingly so.
  - s.22(1) – FINALLY on site and met with Betty, very understanding and is aware of sanitation next week as well as the large propane removal. The heaping pile of propane is at least twice the size as last week, with multiple piles of garbage surrounding. s.22(1), but has been redirected to MPA to receive a rent sup. And obtain better housing options faster and he’s quite willing and is just ‘waiting on the housing process’. He states he doesn’t have much to leave, but would love some help transporting his items once accepted. The sludge has begun outside the backdoor of the warehouse, but nothing serious but the downpour is coming. Inside s.22(1) structure was known s.22(1) s.22(1) but have not received outcome of that conversation – I’ll reach out to their contact Dayna Grant. There is also electrical somewhere going to s.22(1) house as there is a spotlight and he was cooking pancakes but wouldn’t say where and I could not hear a generator noise so concern of them s.22(1). \*\* My time was short but will go back and try to find the source.
  - s.22(1) – have progressed even further with another room since last week, now encompassing further on the hill with no egress between him and s.22(1) as previous. They were not on site, and no notice was posted on their structure. I’ve attached photos of the inside of their house with the stolen bike parts and their additions to their “furnance”, the garbage pile outside their path has grown since Rangers removed two truck loads, and now propane tanks are also on site at their structure.
  - The dump site has a few piles, but the ground is concrete so trucks won’t struggle in this clean up area if they take the perimeter road. I’ve attached a photo of just beginning of it.
  - Sue is not coming to the weekly meetings for two weeks – which means no MPA Outreach Shay – see if we can obtain contact?

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Contact Propane Depot and schedule for removal coordinated with Sanitation Tuesday.
- Contact s.22(1)
- Contact Andre for updates to s.22(1) and s.22(1) housing process
- Contact Rob Simms to begin planning for remedial work/what that looks like so that people can not move back into the park
- Create plan for Sanitation Tuesday – do we need VPD for also stolen goods that will be being removed?



- Assess again for a round table of all the higher ups to do future steps as this comes to a further stalemate.
- Get Sue to give Taylor contact for Shay to see updates on s.22(1) and s.22(1) at the centre or if we can coordinate Shay coming another time to speak to s.22(1) with Taylor.

From: Coombs, Taylor

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:52 PM

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Cc: Carter, Stacey <Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca>; Othman, Justin <Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca>; Don, Andrew <Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: Vanier Update 08-22-2023

- s.22(1) – confirmed by all that he is not returning and his encampment area can be removed
- s.22(1) – fecal mattress remains and a few pieces of garbage but no movement on someone else moving into the area since we cleaned out 3 ton truck load
- s.22(1) – on site, spoke with MPA and Ministry, received the new Vanier park notice. Has obtained new legal aid and assistance, there is movement on all sides to obtain social assistance s.22(1), he is still very very willing.
- s.22(1) – on site, s.22(1). Is receptive to housing and assistance, did go to MPA and attend courses, MPA mentioned music classes at the drop in and s.22(1) was very receptive, will accept housing options but hesitant from s.22(1) House. Has mentioned issues with s.22(1). Also received the park notice, and has been made aware to clean the area, and the adjacent s.22(1) structure will be removed – he was fine with all of this
- s.22(1) – remove
- s.22(1) – not on site, but does still connect with Ministry(Kerry) but knows to ignore Rangers. s.22(1) was on site at the structure and I redirected s.22(1). The photos taken of all the now hidden propane tanks/car batteries, further piles of garbage accumulating attached. The mud slide pile with hoses still continues to grow.
- s.22(1) – not on site, they've added another "room" and continuing to grow. Their furnace was active (could smell) but neither of them on site. The amount of bike parts has multiplied. I left a notice in their new room. We removed another full truck load of garbage bags on the trail at the end of their pathway; there's likely another 3 loads at that pile of theirs.

#### Action Items:

1. Involve sanitation ASAP for clean up, were hitting a stalemate and it's too much for one Ranger truck, if sanitation cannot come, that Rob Simms 3-ton truck will also do with more Ranger help with someone who can remove mattress.
2. Coordinate round-table of meeting previously sent to Uultsje for contacts (restoration, sanitation, propane tanks, VFRS fire order, VPD ID/enter for s.22(1) structure, further support for s.22(1)
3. Turn off BMX water
4. Begin restoring s.22(1) area

From: Coombs, Taylor

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 2:57 PM



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Cc: Carter, Stacey <[Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca](mailto:Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: RE: Vanier Update 08-15-23

Hi all,

As requested from you all personally, I've attached a few more into this spark notes e-mail chain for update from today.

Myself, Darren, Park and Bush all attended Vanier and met with Sue, Betty and two MPA Outreach Shay and Lane.

When Rangers arrived, ex-PB Commissioner Tricia Barker was on site asking about updates to Vanier and s.22(1) concerns about the obvious safety hazards.

Entering the forested area, going off of the super high-tech map (as I've attached once again):

- s.22(1) – again not home, no change to his camp area or tent itself, it was stated that he hasn't been seen in about a week
  - s.22(1) – s.22(1), s.22(1) told me previously he was moving but by bike and couldn't leave. No change to their camp, large presence of feces, Rangers removed all large structure items except for queen soiled mattress. (will attach photos with more time tomorrow)
  - s.22(1) – on site, spoke with MPA workers, still is stating that until s.22(1) s.22(1), is very willing. Kerry (Ministry of Poverty Reduction) as attached into this e-mail, have been informed and to help assist with RCMP and previously successful in obtaining assistance s.22(1) I've spoken to other VPD members to assist with this as it's an easy fix
  - s.22(1) not on site, area hasn't moved, it's been stated that he's been around but is having s.22(1) MPA drop in has not met him/he has not attended
  - Previous s.22(1) – Rangers removed a few large battery packs/chargers/new tools that found new on site to bring to proper office. Will still need Sanitation for this removal, and still not being used as a residence.
  - s.22(1) – nobody would speak to me from s.22(1) camp today, but Kerry stated they just spoke to him this AM and are likely inside ignoring Rangers. Approx. 35 propane tanks on site, and 10 car batteries in a pile in the sun in the bushes (again, photos more time)
  - Mid path outside s.22(1) camp is a large muddy puddle happening due to 10 hoses connected to a water outlet at the BMX track being abused by the campers; w3w shades.grocers.overhaul – I asked Uultsje to get it water turned off.
  - s.22(1) – ignored Rangers at first when attending with outreach services, but connected after with Kerry and Andre on site. s.22(1) stated clearly that he does not think Parks can/will actually do anything and they're not worried about having to move
- Messaging for all was the same; to continue working towards structures that can pack down, and to support them with obtaining and more safe area to seek shelter in.
- Rangers had a 3-ton dump truck come provided from Rob Simms team which was easily filled



with s.22(1) remaining garbage but without a lift gate and due to heat hazard Rangers didn't overly fill it

- Rangers removed one moped scooter and multiple laptops and bike frames to the property office for theft
- Rangers removed two truckloads of garbage from the ditch dump area and 6 full rat-ribbed garbage bags outside s.22(1) (approx. 25 bags and 2 full bins remain)

To highlight hazards obvious to the eye are:

- Approx. 11 seen fire pits
- The large amount of fecal matter (including two filled feces buckets outside s.22(1) encampment)
- The rat infestation from the food presence
- The fire hazards of multiple thrown and piled propane tanks in the heat as well as multiple leaking car batteries
- The connected hoses across the park as a tripping hazard creating a man-made lake that the campers have placed mats over now to avoid the slipping muddy hazard
- The stolen plastic from the BMX track to maintain that public course
- Rangers on one encampment removed one pick-axe and 17 knives
- The 3-6ft deep trench being created for stairs/further structure building
  - o Not only a tripping hazard but when the rain comes this will create a full mud slide for the encampments
  - o The exposed and massively tree exposed tree roots will also create environmental disaster when the rain comes for flooding and falling old growth
- The large display of stolen bike pieces/goods creating further crime in the area as well as now aggressive unstable relationships within the encampment themselves

I could name much more. I appreciate all and any support on this and am so thankful for all those who came today.

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Subject: RE: Vanier Update 08-08-23

Thank you Taylor

I will discuss with Betty and bring back a plan to move forward.

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5. PREVIOUS s.22(1) is full of items, full plywood half house filled with items, these seems a storage facility with no claim in the park, and s.22(1) /taking things out of it as abandoned.
6. s.22(1) are growing more than ever, two new sports canopies attached south end of encampment that's now just a fully tented bike maintenance shop. s.22(1) s.22(1) Both are more ready than I've ever seen to accept some outreach and move indoors. s.22(1) for s.22(1) on the books/helping out legit. They are both aware the camp cannot stay permanently, and have too many items to move. Both cordial and fully welcoming to speak to today. The digging damage of the trench



6. around them, and the piles of bike parts is uncanny, and grown noticeably since last week
7. s.22(1) nobody was home, even s.22(1)  
Again, we didn't/cannot/will not enter the structure without VPD. s.22(1) also is working with s.22(1)  
also has 'left the park'. There is a pile of approx. 25 propane tanks that I could see already in a heap in the bushes.
8. All the yellow spots/dots are active firepits
9. The grey squiggle is the ravine massive dumpsite – it blew Sue away.
10. Lime green is a bunch of hoses we found in the park all attached with large water puddle display around them, but we couldn't find a water source. We followed the last yellow hose through the dumpsite, out of the park towards the BMX track. I think they wait until night time, jump the fence into the Boat fenced parking lot, and are accessing/abusing their water.

There's bagged and full bins of garbage around the original park trail. I think we could schedule a coordinated clean up of the piles of garbage, and the pink X abandoned camp and the grey dumpsite to

- a. Lessen the load of cleaning to do when it's full clean up time
- b. s.22(3)(d)

If we don't want to coordinate sanitation for the above suggestion, it would take approx. 10 truck loads to remove with Rangers.

And let's do this before the rain comes and makes it soggy/vehicles stuck.

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Hi Uultsje,

Is September 5<sup>th</sup> the rough date for Sanitation to attend and start removing the large items? If so, would you like Rangers to attend daily for 3 or 4 days before hand and remove smaller items.

Would you also like me to coordinate with Propane Depot to come in and remove the immense number of tanks?

Finally, would you like me to coordinate with VPD to have a couple members join us on the 3-4 day lead up, and then have a large group of VPD on scene for September 5<sup>th</sup> to remove all of the large items and s.13(1) After this takes place, then we can have Rob's crews come in with the heavy machinery to demolish s.22(1) structure, and hopefully a front end loader to remove the really large pieces which may contain hazardous materials like Asbestos. We would need



Sanitation in after that as well to remove the remaining larger items, and Rangers teams can attend daily for the next while to remove the smaller items, 1 truckload at a time. Once the rain hits, we will need to hold off on cleaning up whatever is left until April or May, whenever the ponds, trenches dry up.

Could we discuss this s.22(1) .

Cheers,



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Hi Cristina,

A few updates for you.

Tina at Ceperley – xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Black BMW at Strathcona – xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Vanier – We went again with Outreach (hopefully for the last time), I sent you a summary of the trip. We brought a 1 ton truck along with us and filled it up with garbage, as well as 3 of our trucks. A new

s.22(1) His name is s.22(1)

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and whoever else is in his wooden warehouse, seem to be calling the Parks Board's bluff, and don't think we will act on removing them from the park. I am meeting with management tomorrow to again

s.13(1)



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16. s.22(1) are growing more than ever, two new sports canopies attached south end of encampment that's now just a fully tented bike maintenance shop. s.22(1) s.22(1). Both are more ready than I've ever seen to accept some outreach and move indoors. s.22(1) for s.22(1) on the books/helping out legit. They are both aware the camp cannot stay permanently, and have too many items to move. Both cordial and fully welcoming to speak to today. The digging damage of the trench around them, and the piles of bike parts is uncanny, and grown noticeably since last week
17. s.22(1) nobody was home, even s.22(1) Again, we didn't/cannot/will not enter the structure without VPD. s.22(1) also is working with s.22(1) so he also has 'left the park'. There is a pile of approx. 25 propane tanks that I could see already in a heap in the bushes.
18. All the yellow spots/dots are active firepits
19. The grey squiggle is the ravine massive dumpsite – it blew Sue away.
20. Lime green is a bunch of hoses we found in the park all attached with large water puddle display around them, but we couldn't find a water source. We followed the last yellow hose through the dumpsite, out of the park towards the BMX track. I think they wait until night time, jump the fence into the Boat fenced parking lot, and are accessing/abusing their water.



There's bagged and full bins of garbage around the original park trail. I think we could schedule a coordinated clean up of the piles of garbage, and the pink X abandoned camp and the grey dumpsite to

c. Lessen the load of cleaning to do when it's full clean up time

d. s.22(3)(d)

If we don't want to coordinate sanitation for the above suggestion, it would take approx. 10 truck loads to remove with Rangers.

And let's do this before the rain comes and makes it soggy/vehicles stuck.

ciyeθamə cən,

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Understood and will do,

Great work Taylor!

Thanks

Justin

From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2023 1:35 PM

To: Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>; Lead Ranger <[Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca)>;

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Subject: RE: Vanier

Excellent. Thank you for doing this.

Andrew and Justin,

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Great news, and thank you Sue

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Cc: Carter, Stacey <[Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca](mailto:Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca)>; Lepps, Betty <[Betty.Lepps@vancouver.ca](mailto:Betty.Lepps@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Vanier

I have confirmed with MPA outreach that they will attend with Taylor and I to Vanier. This will start on August 15<sup>th</sup> as the worker, s.22(1)

I think this will provide a direct conduit to housing and other supports.

**Sue Baker | Manager, Homelessness Response Coordination**

Housing & Homelessness Services | City of Vancouver

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Good Idea

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Subject: RE: Vanier



Not a problem, but best if we do it on a united front. So if they want to meet with me another day and we go in, or come with Sue no problem on my end.

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Ok I will update VPD, as they may go in their for their own checks in prep for removal.

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Excellent

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2023 11:06 AM  
**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Vanier Park Sign Posts

Hi Uultsje,

I just received confirmation that the 6 sign posts have been installed in the park/forest.



Andrew Don | Lead Park Ranger  
Vancouver Park Board |  
t. s.15(1)(l) | [Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)

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Hi Taylor

Thank you for attending today along with Sue. I believe your presents along with Sue is beneficial and will allow us to move forward with vacating the park.

I agree with setting a timeline to give everyone some form of bookends to this process. I had discussed this with Betty and we had hoped to set a two-week period limit to bring this to a conclusion however I will touch base with her tomorrow to assess and possibly extend by a week.

Let me discuss this tomorrow and then I will set up a Teams meeting with everyone to get us all on the same page.

Thanks again for your work today.

Uultsje

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**From:** Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 3:16:06 PM  
**To:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; BRANCO, Cristina <[cristina.branco@vpd.ca](mailto:cristina.branco@vpd.ca)>  
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Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Email Chain for Vanier

Hi all, here are some updates for today at Vanier.



Myself, and Sue Baker attended and spoke to the following:

1. s.22(1) They are fully aware of the bylaw, and that this cannot be permanent. s.22(1) is adamant against any form of outreach and the only thing he will move for is 's.22(1)' is quite eager and willing but will only do so/follows s.22(1) Their structure has a full boulder enclosed furnace, and is dug a trench below the surface. Surrounding them is multiple cut up bike pieces, and they are continuing to dig deeper around them.
2. Directly beside is the "warehouse" belonging to s.22(1) who refused to exit the structure with the approx.. 6 others inside. The large amount of digging into full stair cases, ripping out roots and dipping multiple feet deep into an unsupported staircase is such a hazard. We entered the structure from the east or 'backdoor' side where the individuals still did not answer but an s.22(1) was present.
  - a. s.22(1) was extremely hesitant to speak to myself and Sue, stating the years of discrimination makes him refuse to speak to anyone. Sue spoke highly of MPA, and I spoke highly of protocol for s.22(1) When mentioning that s.22(1) s.22(1) became noticeably lighter and talked more about options. s.22(1) was under the misunderstanding that the area was lease land, but isn't incorrect in his preference as s.22(1) s.22(1) – I would loop in Reena at some point here ASAP.
3. s.22(1), assuming) – red tent north section (\*\*NEW) wasn't present at his structure but was hanging with s.22(1) was very receptive to MPA and outreach services, s.22(1) s.22(1) but now that he's seeking shelter at Vanier, he isn't able to connect. He stated clearly he will be going to MPA right now to connect and will update.
4. s.22(1) – south middle section s.22(1) s.22(1) . He stated his name times of distrust in his previous SROs (The s.22(1) s of connecting to outreach again. s.22(1)s very willing for outreach once Sue spoke of MPA, and will be going to s.22(1) today. s.22(1) s.22(1)
5. s.22(1) – green permanent structure south at fence, delivered flyer but was not home. He wrote "call me, s.22(1)"
6. s.22(1) – clear plastic multi structure south of BMX; stated they're packing and moving currently, would love some Ranger assistance as they are doing it all 'by bike' but willing to go. I spoke highly of MPA, s.22(1) during the day but have a bunch of friends coming.

Sue left, Andrew came.

I returned back to give water to the residences – immediately the apprehension once again from all residences who were super cordial and willing with me was now gone due to other Ranger intimidating presence.

I see continued presence from myself, and consistent communication will definitely help. But I will need VPD later to help with those in s.22(1) structure.

Also, maybe a timeline of the up and coming to better equip myself.

s.13(1)

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The environmental impact, fire hazards, and low visibility and egress is now so much worse than I remember.



**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:04 PM  
**To:** BRANCO, Cristina <[cristina.branco@vpd.ca](mailto:cristina.branco@vpd.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Email Chain for Vanier

Hi Cristina,

I have cc'd all names from the Parks side of things who will be involved with Vanier Park. Uultsje and Rob, feel free to add in anyone else.

Uultsje Dejong – Park Ranger Superintendent  
Justin Othman – Lead Park Ranger  
Taylor Guerin – Park Ranger  
Rob Sims – Superintendent West Area Park Ops

Feel free to cc all associated parties from VPD.

Thanks again for coming out today and bringing other officers who will/may be part of this large scale decampment.



Andrew Don | Lead Park Ranger  
Vancouver Park Board |  
t. **s.15(1)(l)** | [Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)

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Good morning everyone,  
I just want to update everyone that outreach will not be attending to speak with the Vanier campers today. This visit has now been pushed back until Tuesday next week. I will be on scene with a couple other Rangers and update everyone after that visit.  
Apologies for the delay.



Andrew Don | Lead Park Ranger  
Vancouver Park Board |  
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I am thankful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔ / səliłwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 7:54 AM  
**To:** Penner, Calvin <[kalvin.penner@vpd.ca](mailto:kalvin.penner@vpd.ca)>; MASTROPIERI, Mario <[mario.mastropieri@vpd.ca](mailto:mario.mastropieri@vpd.ca)>  
**Cc:** Meers, Dave <[dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:dave.meers@vancouver.ca)>; Gherghinoiu, David



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**Subject:** RE: Vanier Park Encampment

Hello Kal,

Thank you for this update and thank you to everyone who attended.

I will liaise with Mario and my team to see how we can work together to ensure safety in the park.

Sincerely,

Astrid

**A/Inspector Astrid Bonter, 2374**

*Diversity, Community and Indigenous Relations Section*

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**From:** PENNER, Calvin

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:10 PM

**To:** MASTROPIERI, Mario <[mario.mastropieri@vpd.ca](mailto:mario.mastropieri@vpd.ca)>

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**Subject:** Vanier Park Encampment

A/Insp. Mastropieri,

I, along with A/Sgt. Reynolds and Cst. Branco attended the Vanier Park encampment today with



members of the Park Board, Park Rangers and Community Policing Services Unit this morning. The following photos were taken during the visit. It seems the encampment has grown since April/May when we last attended. Park Ranger Andrew Don (copied on this email) informed us that the Park Board has a policy to not allow encampments in wooded areas such as Stanley Park or parks with a forest area.

There was approximately 4 tents that were being occupied and one tent unoccupied. There was garbage, feces in a bucket, uncapped syringes, bikes and bike parts, knives, axes and pipes everywhere throughout the encampment.

This email is for information at this time however enforcement action in the form a Neighborhood Integrated Services Team including multiple city agencies seems like it may be the most effective strategy in removing the encampment. We spoke to a few campers and explained that homeless outreach would be in touch Thursday but that residing in Vanier Park and using propane gas with an open flame was not going to be allowed and that alternative living arrangements that are available would have to be made.

Please see the below photos taken on today's date.

Respectfully,

Kal

A/S/Sgt. 2027 Kal Penner  
District 4  
Operations Division  
Vancouver Police Department  
604-717-2710



the encampment

Multiple bikes and bike parts were observed at





needles

garbage strewn everywhere including uncapped



Feces bucket





Multiple propane tanks



additional propane tanks



Uncapped needle next to pathway





Garbage strewn everywhere within 20 yards of

tents

**From:** BRANCO, Cristina <[cristina.branco@vpd.ca](mailto:cristina.branco@vpd.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:53 PM

**To:** PENNER, Calvin <[calvin.penner@vpd.ca](mailto:calvin.penner@vpd.ca)>

**Subject:** Contact info

Hello Sergeant,

Thank you for taking the time today to assist with the Vanier Park walk through. Here are a list of contacts that may prove useful for future events.

Assistant Chief - Dave Meers VFRS

[Dave.meers@vancouver.ca](mailto:Dave.meers@vancouver.ca)

Property Compliance Inspector – Proactive enforcement team

David Gherghinoiu

[David.gherghinoiu@vancouver.ca](mailto:David.gherghinoiu@vancouver.ca)

Monika Czyz – Social Planner Homeless Outreach

[Monika.czyz@vancouver.ca](mailto:Monika.czyz@vancouver.ca)

Andrew Don – Lead Park Ranger

[Andrew.don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.don@vancouver.ca)

s.15(1)(l)

Cheers,

**CONSTABLE CRISTINA BRANCO**

PROBLEM PREMISES COORDINATOR | COMMUNITY POLICING SERVICES UNIT (Mon-Thurs)



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Thank you

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Sure thing.

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Cc: Carter, Stacey <[Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca](mailto:Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Vanier

Ok Same Time? 10-12:30

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Sure Tuesday works.

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From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:25:37 AM

To: Baker, Sue <[Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca)>; Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Carter, Stacey <[Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca](mailto:Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Vanier

Hi Sue,

We just realized we have an issue with attending Vanier on Thursday. Can we reschedule this to Monday or Tuesday of next week?

Uultsje

From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:18 PM

To: Baker, Sue <[Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca)>; Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Re: Vanier

Thank you Sue

Let's make it Thursday morning 10-12:30. Taylor will meet you on site at Vanier and we will have a couple of teams of rangers on the perimeter to assist if needed. Thank you

Uultsje

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From: Baker, Sue <[Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:59:57 AM

To: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>; Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: RE: Vanier

Hi Uultsje and Taylor- yes I can be available on either day. The times that work best for me are:

- ☐ Wednesday from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 or after 3:00
- ☐ Thursday, from 8:00-9:00 or from 10:00 to-12:30 p.m.

**Sue Baker | Manager, Homelessness Response Coordination**

Housing & Homelessness Services | City of Vancouver

From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:39 AM

To: Baker, Sue <[Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sue.Baker@vancouver.ca)>; Coombs, Taylor <[Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taylor.Coombs@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Vanier

Hi Sue



Just following up with your conversation with Betty on Friday. Taylor is included in this email who will accompany you.

Do you have a time that would work best for you to meet at Vanier on Wednesday or Thursday? This engagement is to discuss possible forms of sheltering or housing. Thank you

Uultsje

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Hi Uultsje,

I understand that, and this isn't a removal. I explained to them that outreach would be going in first, before any removal happens and they agreed. They wanted to meet on scene to deal with the requests they have been receiving, which would happen with or without us, as this was coming from their management and board. When I reached out to them originally, they wanted to meet with me on scene and get more of a sense of what we have done, what we're doing, etc. This was the meeting I was telling you about 2 weeks ago before I went off.

I had previously spoken with Rob Sims about a month ago, when him and John Odong were asking what was going on with the camp and when they could get in to conduct their work in the encampment area. I informed Rob of the site assessment/discussion with VPD and VFRS, but had not coordinated anything with him.

As for Sanitation, I have not contacted them, and after your email the other day, have no plans to.

s.13(1)

s.13(1)

Andrew

From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2023 12:01 PM

To: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Carter, Stacey <[Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca](mailto:Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Re: Vanier Park

We will discuss this tomorrow. s.13(1)

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. I had a meeting with Betty on Friday regarding her thoughts and directions. She had met with Sue earlier in the day and this is a request from her



I had asked you to speak with VPD and VFRS however I told park operations and sanitation would have to wait and come at a later date.

You know the Park Board always follows the same process - consultation, housing, gain cooperation as much as possible and then do it again before we set a date to go in heavy handed.

We will talk tomorrow

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**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:52:13 AM  
**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** Carter, Stacey <[Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca](mailto:Stacey.Carter@vancouver.ca)>; Othman, Justin <[Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca](mailto:Justin.Othman@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Vanier Park

Hi Uultsje,

I was just made aware that Taylor is going to Vanier with Sue Baker from outreach on Tuesday. I was also just informed of s.22(3)(d) [REDACTED]  
s.22(3)(d)

At 7:30am on Tuesday, it has been arranged for myself to go with VPD Staff Sergeant Mario M, VPD Problem Property Liaison Cristina Branco, VPD Homeless Liaison Steve Dhaliwal, VFRS Captain Cliff, and possibly Rob Sims from West Area Park Ops.

s.13(1) [REDACTED]

This was what you asked me to coordinate just before I went off.

s.13(1) [REDACTED]

s.13(1) [REDACTED]

s.22(3)(d) [REDACTED]

. I am unsure how this affects s.22(3)(d) [REDACTED]

I know we have the meeting to discuss Vanier tomorrow, so this may be something to discuss tomorrow.

I just wanted to bring it to your attention ahead of time in the event s.22(3)(d) [REDACTED]  
s.22(3)(d) [REDACTED]



Cheers,

Andrew Don | Lead Park Ranger

Vancouver Park Board |

t **s.15(1)(l)** | [Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)

Hi Andrew,

**s.13(1)**

Tuesday is a very busy day for us as we have bike training going on and various meetings already set. If VPD and VFRS want to go in this Tuesday then yes please go with them along with 2 Rangers. It would be great if VFRS gave us a fire report after attending outlining what is required of us in their view. For us let's sit down as planned on Tuesday to discuss what we are going to do and set that plan in motion as we head into the next week. Please discuss with me before you commit to anything with VPD or VFRS or others. Thanks

**Uultsje DeJong | Superintendent, Park Rangers**

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**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:55 PM  
**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Vanier Park Site Assessment

Hi Uultsje,

I spoke with a couple VPD members today about the Vanier Park meetup.

They are getting ahold of the D4 Staff Sergeant to meet on Tuesday instead of Monday.

They asked if I could also connect with other departments for them to be on scene as well, because they want to try and resolve this camp issue sooner rather than later, and want all the departments to get together Tuesday. They also want to set up an email group to discuss things immediately if the plan changes in any way, for each department to discuss.

So far we have:

Park Rangers: Andrew, and I am sure you, maybe Justin?

VPD: Cristina Branco (Problem Property Liaison), her Sergeant and D4 staff sergeant Mario M something. Homeless liaison Steve Dhaliwal will also be involved later on, but is s.22(1) s.22(1)

VFRS: Cliff and the same VFRS Captain from when we removed the propane tanks.

Sanitation: no one yet

Park Ops: no one yet

Outreach: no one yet

If you give me the green light, I will reach out to Evan Chapman, Superintendent of Sanitation for that area. Rob Sims, Superintendent of West Area Park Ops, and Andre and Carrie from the Ministry (outreach).



Let me know,

Andrew

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Hi Uultsje,

Justin and I checked Vanier today and came across s.22(1). He was in front of his wooden structure. He had a fire pit with flames about 4 feet high. We had him extinguish the fire immediately and gave a stern message to leave the park with essentials. Here is my report.

July 11th, 2023 - 1330hrs - Rangers DON and OTHMAN attended Vanier Park at 0944hrs for a patrol of the forest camps. Upon arrival, Rangers smelled a strong smell of smoke. Rangers checked the forest and located a large campfire in front of one of the smaller wooden structures. As Rangers approached, Rangers found the occupant of the camp to be out front of the camp. Rangers recognized the male as s.22(1). s.22(1) was also the s.22(1). Rangers were firm with informing s.22(1) there is zero tolerance for any sort of flame right now as it is at extreme fire danger rating. s.22(1) asked if Rangers wanted some coffee, to which Rangers declined and requested he extinguish the flames immediately. s.22(1) said he would do it immediately and went to grab a bucket of water. Rangers also informed s.22(1) that he cannot be camping in the forest, and he should begin packing his items up as Rangers would be coming in someday soon with VPD and heavy equipment to take out all the invasive plant species in the forest, and all encampments close by.

Andrew Don | Lead Park Ranger

Vancouver Park Board |

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This would be a good chance for them to come in with heavy machinery and clear the area of the structures, and all the invasives (which pretty much cover the whole area). We would need to come in before that with VPD to remove the individuals, and also Sanitation to remove the hazardous items (drywall which may contain asbestos, chemicals, jerry cans of fuel, large items which can't fit in our trucks, etc.)

Andrew

From: Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 6:56 AM

To: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Odong, John <[John.Odong@vancouver.ca](mailto:John.Odong@vancouver.ca)>; MacLean, Jeff <[Jeff.Maclean@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jeff.Maclean@vancouver.ca)>;

Meneghello, Tricia <[Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca](mailto:Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Re: [EXT] Vanier wooded 2



Morning Uultsje. Can you keep us in the loop please. We would like to get in and do some Invasive control this week/as soon as possible. Thank you.

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[Vancouver Park Board](#) | 1451 Discovery Street

t. 604.257.8374 c. **s.15(1)(l)**

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From: Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
Sent: July 7, 2023 8:20 AM  
To: Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>; Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>  
Cc: Odong, John <[John.Odong@vancouver.ca](mailto:John.Odong@vancouver.ca)>; MacLean, Jeff <[Jeff.Maclean@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jeff.Maclean@vancouver.ca)>; Meneghello, Tricia <[Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca](mailto:Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: Re: [EXT] Vanier wooded 2

Thanks. We are well aware of this area. A coordinated effort will begin next week.

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From: Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>  
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 8:08:05 AM  
To: Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>; Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>  
Cc: Odong, John <[John.Odong@vancouver.ca](mailto:John.Odong@vancouver.ca)>; MacLean, Jeff <[Jeff.Maclean@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jeff.Maclean@vancouver.ca)>; Meneghello, Tricia <[Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca](mailto:Tricia.Meneghello@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: Fw: [EXT] Vanier wooded 2

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From: Rob Sims **s.22(1)**  
Sent: July 6, 2023 4:30 PM  
To: Sims, Rob <[Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca](mailto:Rob.Sims@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: [EXT] Vanier wooded 2

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**From:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 12:45 PM

**To:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Tent in the park at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track

Yeah, ok lets wait and just start talking to them telling them we will be coming with VPD and Urban Issues to remove everything so they should start moving before hand.

**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 12:42 PM

**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Tent in the park at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track



Hi Uultsje,

This is that massive camp of 3 tents and a wooden house which needs Sanitation assistance. There are 5 people living there, so will need coordination with VPD and Sanitation. If you want me to coordinate VPD and Sanitation to attend with us, it may need to wait until later this week, or even next week (taking into consideration Crab on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>).

Andrew

**From:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 12:40 PM

**To:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Tent in the park at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track

Hi Andrew,

Can you deal with this tomorrow?

Uultsje

**From:** Dragnea, Lucian <[Lucian.Dragnea@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lucian.Dragnea@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 11:42 AM

**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>

**Cc:** Cavrlj, Anthony <[Anthony.Cavrlj@vancouver.ca](mailto:Anthony.Cavrlj@vancouver.ca)>; Vanier Park Security

**s.15(1)(l)** Tseng, Steve <[Steve.Tseng@vancouver.ca](mailto:Steve.Tseng@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Tent in the park at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track

Hello Uultsje,

Can you please help us to "relocate" the tent from the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track. Looks like this is an old issue reported to the Park Rangers but somehow was overlooked.

The tent is located inside the park across The Observatory building and very close to the Academy of Music parking lot. (pls. see the attached) Please let us know if this is possible.

Much appreciated

Lucian Dragnea

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**From:** Brechin, Wayne <[Wayne.Brechin@vancouver.ca](mailto:Wayne.Brechin@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 8, 2023 7:39 AM

**To:** Dragnea, Lucian <[Lucian.Dragnea@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lucian.Dragnea@vancouver.ca)>

**Cc:** Vanier Park Security **s.15(1)(l)** Lobo, Patrick

<[patrick.lobo@vancouver.ca](mailto:patrick.lobo@vancouver.ca)>; Tseng, Steve <[Steve.Tseng@vancouver.ca](mailto:Steve.Tseng@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Tent in the park at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track

Hey Lucian



That encampment has been active since the fall. Park Rangers have been advised of the situation and will be removing them when they have all the resources lined up.

**Wayne Brechin / Security Officer**

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**From:** Dragnea, Lucian <[Lucian.Dragnea@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lucian.Dragnea@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Saturday, January 7, 2023 1:19 PM

**To:** Brechin, Wayne <[Wayne.Brechin@vancouver.ca](mailto:Wayne.Brechin@vancouver.ca)>; Lobo, Patrick <[patrick.lobo@vancouver.ca](mailto:patrick.lobo@vancouver.ca)>

**Cc:** Vanier Park Security [s.15\(1\)\(l\)](#) Tseng, Steve

<[Steve.Tseng@vancouver.ca](mailto:Steve.Tseng@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** Tent in the park at the Vanier Park Bike Skills Track

FYI,

There is a tent encampment inside the park right at the corner of White Ave and the entrance of the AOM parking lot.

I called if there is anybody inside with no answer. (INC – 24836)

Best,

**Lucian Dragnea | Security Officer**

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Yeah

It may need a few visits to start with to get the ball rolling.

**From:** Don, Andrew <[Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca](mailto:Andrew.Don@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 24, 2022 11:50 AM

**To:** Dejong, Uultsje <[Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca](mailto:Uultsje.Dejong@vancouver.ca)>; Lead Ranger <[Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lead.Ranger@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject:** 3 tents and 2 room wooden house in Vanier Forest



FYI for next big project. It is active as I saw a few people around the camp.

Andrew







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## **INCIDENTS / PRIORITY INFORMATION:**

### **Renfrew Ravine**

- Attended for s.22(1) and s.22(1) camp, they were not present, 4 truckloads removed and disposed of.

### **Renfrew Community**

- Encountered s.22(1) beside Dog Park, he was verbally aggressive towards Rangers and made threats as Rangers had taken his belongings from Renfrew Ravine. s.22(1) stated he was in the process of moving the items out. Rangers de-escalated and distanced themselves after failed attempts of explaining to him that his items were removed as they were abandoned and no one was present during the removal.
- Rangers were advised by a citizen that a blue tent was in the ravine, most likely being s.22(1) and s.22(1) Rangers did not approach due to the interaction earlier with s.22(1), VPD was called for assistance. Rangers cancelled after speaking to s.22(1) addressing s.22(1) behaviour and advising her they have tomorrow afternoon Rangers will re-attend.

### **Stanley Park**

- **Second Beach** - Skateboarder verbally aggressive towards a Genesis Security guard who had asked him to not skateboard near the vehicles. GOA.

### **Andy Livingstone**

- Conducted static patrol.
- 1x Smoking education.
- 2 males in men's washroom, one was verbally aggressive when Rangers asked them to leave, they left w/o further incident.

### **Vanier Park**

- Rangers were asked by Park Ranger Superintendent to attend for special duties, Rangers noted a vehicle parked in the footpath. It was a cameraman from Global News, Rangers educated him that he couldn't park there.
- Rangers observed smoke from the encampment, called VFRS for assistance. Rangers noted 2 propane tanks in the encampment. VFRS spoke to occupants to put out fire, compliance achieved.

### **Locarno Beach**

- **Sasamat Parking Lot** - RV parked on grass, educated the owner to move, compliance achieved.

### **Jericho Beach**

- Tent removal from trail at W3W-spices.bribing.boots. There were drug paraphernalia present, disposed of in compactor

### **Pandora Park**

- Reports of tent, GOA.

### **Strathcona**

- Community Garden at Hawks Ave. Vacant blue tent with drug paraphilia present, disposed of in compactor.

### **West Beaches**

- Spanish E west gate locked replaced with



