

From: **"Mochrie, Paul"**

To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: Water St Pedestrian Zone - vandalism incident

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Dear Mayor and Council,

This afternoon, the City was notified Water St Pedestrian Zone was subject to vandalism – a ‘war criminal’ and ‘free Palestine’ message was painted on the ground and sidewalks and buildings of the block from Richards to Cambie, along with posters pasted to concrete blocks and lampposts. Our team is responding as follows:

- Sanitation crews are now on site to remove the posters, and crews will also do an initial cleaning of the area overnight
- We have [posted to X/Twitter](#) acknowledging the vandalism.
- At 6:30am tomorrow, our contract Goodbye Graffiti will cordon off the area and do a deep clean to remove all the paint (they advised that the area has too many people to do the clean up tonight)
- We have notified VPD’s graffiti unit of the vandalism
- We have also notified and been in discussion with the GBIS

Please let Lon or me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Best,  
Paul

**Paul Mochrie** (he/him)  
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