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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"](#)
Date: 8/6/2024 11:20:20 PM
Subject: RE: Ongoing fire incidents - update

Mayor and Council,

I expect this will be the final update on this situation for the evening.

- The situation has stabilized and VFRS is continuing to progress toward normal operations.
- Demolition of 414 W 10th has been ordered and will proceed at the earliest possible opportunity pending an engineering assessment.
- The fires at 3477 W 41st and various residential properties have been extinguished with additional work ongoing to address hot spots.
- Burnaby Fire units have been released. As of 22:30, Richmond Fire units remain on scene.
- Evacuees have been directed to Crofton House School. VEMA staff are on location to identify individuals who require support and overnight accommodation.
- Evacuated residents will be cleared to return to their homes when the scene is safe. At this time, the timeline for that determination is unknown.
- Several hundred properties remain without electrical power at this time. A number of properties have also been disconnected from gas supply.
- W41st and eastbound W40th remain closed to traffic. At this point, there is no timeline for removal of the construction crane that collapsed across W 41st.
- CoV Comms are issuing social media updates as information becomes available and 311 will be prepared for questions tomorrow morning.

Many thanks to VFRS, VPD, all of the City staff and partner agencies who contributed to managing these incidents today. Everyone involved did a fantastic job.

Best,
Paul

From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2024 10:11 PM
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL
Cc: City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL
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City Leadership Team - DL

Mayor and Council,

By way of an update, as of 21:30, VFRS was on scene at four active fires:

- The fire at 414 W 10th fire has been knocked down, with two heavy apparatus remaining on scene.
- The fire at 3477 W 41st has also been knocked down.
- There are two additional fires at residential properties: 3816 W 37th and 3727 W 38th. Several more fires at residential properties in the vicinity have been extinguished.
- VFRS has been able to clear a number of units and has resumed response coverage for critical medical incidents.
- VEMA staff and volunteers are on scene to support evacuated residents.

Best,
Paul

From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
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Mayor and Council,

Further to my earlier messages, I can provide the following update. Please do not share these details pending formal public communications.

- VFRS has released a number of units from the scene at 414 W10th.
- Efforts are continuing to control the fire at 3400 block W 41st. The fire originated in a multi-story building that is under construction. A construction crane at that location has collapsed onto a neighbouring property. The occupant of that property is reported to be uninjured.
- Embers from the original fire have started fires at several other properties in the vicinity.
- VFRS has received support from Richmond Fire and Burnaby Fire with multiple units from both departments now at the scene.
- The City's Emergency Operations Centre has been activated to support the response, including residents impacted by evacuations. VFRS has activated its Department Operations Centre as well.
- Given the demands associated with fire response, VFRS temporarily suspended response to medical incidents.

We will share additional information in the next hour.

Best,
Paul

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