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To: "[Direct to Mayor and Council - DL](#)"
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Subject: Update: 1987 W.7th Fire overnight

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to provide you details as it relates to a residential building fire that occurred overnight at Seven Maples located at 1987 W. 7th.

At approximately 3:45 am, VEMA was notified by VFRS of an active fire at 1987 W. 7th Ave that had displaced all residents from the building with a request for immediate ESS support to tenants.

At this time, all tenants of the building have been evacuated (estimated 38 tenants) and 20 have been registered for ESS support by VEMA staff with ongoing effort to locate and register any other tenants that have been impacted. BC Housing staff are also on site and are working closely with ESS, as Seven Maples is directly managed by BC Housing. VFRS has advised that eight people have been transferred to hospital with one resident suffering critical injuries. The tenant population for this building includes a number of seniors that will likely require additional medical and mobility supports.

At this time, needs assessment of evacuees is ongoing. VEMA and VFRS are holding residents on scene on a CMBC bus to allow for limited re-entry as of approximately 8 am, to allow residents to retrieve essential items where possible, after which time ESS and BCH will coordinate on securing emergency temporary accommodation and supports for those displaced.

Power has been disconnected from the building and there is significant water, smoke and fire damage. Coordination efforts for this event are actively underway across a number of city departments and key agencies.

There is significant media interest in this matter. We ask that you refer all inquiries to media@vancouver.ca and we will triage responses with VFRS, VEMA, BC Housing and partners. City Communications and VFRS will be issuing a joint media statement shortly and are arranging interviews onsite.

More information will be provided as the situation stabilizes and impacts become clear.

**Best,
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