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Good evening Mayor and Council,

As you know, Environment Canada has issued [rainfall and wind warnings](#) for Vancouver starting December 25th until 26th. The forecasted event is part of a series of storms expected. Please find below some information regarding City and Park Board staff response:

- Wind is the primary concern.
- As a precautionary measure, Park Operations staff will be closing access to Stanley Park as of 9am on December 25th due to forecast of wind gusts to 70km between late morning and evening.
 - Staff will assess conditions in the park throughout the day and will reopen the park as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Rainfall amounts are expected to be below triggers for Engineering to activate their emergency response centre, but plans are in place to scale up if needed and crews are scheduled.
- There is no risk of coastal flooding with this event.
- Communications will share proactive social media about the weather event with safety tips and links to report issues or get more information.
- EWR shelters are active due to the weather through to December 27th and information about this is already on [Vancouver.ca](https://vancouver.ca)
- Most civic facilities are closed over the stat holidays, however, The Gathering Place, Carnegie Centre, and Evelyne Saller Centre remain open regular hours.
- BC Hydro confirmed that they have extra crews on in the event of power outages but expect most impacts on Vancouver Island.

VEMA and Department emergency leads will be monitoring and will adjust response as needed. We will keep you updated should there be any significant variation from the expected conditions and planned response.

Best wishes for the holiday season,

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