

File No.: 04-1000-20-2024-230

July 5, 2024

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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 April 10, 2024 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

1. **Reports regarding media access during the City's work cleaning up homeless camps on Hastings Street in April 2023 and in CRAB Park on March 25 to April 6, 2024; and**
2. **Record of emails to and from the Communications Official overseeing communications of each of these actions by the City, Park Board, and VPD regarding media access. Date range: March 31 to April 8, 2023 and March 15 to April 8, 2024.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.3(3)(f), s.13(1), and s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00).

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 (#04-1000-20-2024-230); 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,

*[Signed by Cobi Falconer]*

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If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

Encl. (Response Package)

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**From:** [Pontikis, Maria](#)  
**To:** [Mochrie, Paul](#)  
**Cc:** [Singh, Sandra](#)  
**Subject:** For CMO Review: City of Vancouver to bring East Hastings encampment to a close (April 5, 2023)  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 4:15:00 PM  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

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Hi Paul,

For your review, below is the M&C note and draft information bulletin regarding East Hastings. This has been reviewed by ACCS, ENG, VFRS and VPD.

Thank you,

Maria

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**From:** Pontikis, Maria  
**To:** Singh, Sandra; LaClaire, Lon; Mauboules, Celine; Scollard, Taryn; Fry, Karen; CHOW, Howard (VPD); Baker, Sue; Zupan, Mike; McDermott, Jonathan; CHAPMAN, Don; Lepps, Betty; Zak, MaryClare; MacKenzie, Angela; Connelly, Trevor; Renning, Rob; Stevens, Daniel; Shames, Albert; HARTY, Matthew; Mochrie, Paul; Davidson, Catherine; Vajanto, Laura; Dixon, Iain; Palmer, Adam  
**Cc:** MacKenzie, Angela; Lam, Phoenix; Tall, Godfrey; Trudeau, Matthew; ADDISON, Steve; Qeresniku, Natasha  
**Subject:** Media Summary: East Hastings (as of 4:00 PM April 5, 2023)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 5:30:00 PM

Good afternoon,  
Please find below a summary of East Hastings media up to 4:00 PM today, including this morning's press conference. We will continue to monitor and provide a follow-on update tomorrow.

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City of Vancouver  
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The City of Vancouver is on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱əlḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətəf (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

### East Hastings Media Summary

Link to archived feed of press conference: [https://youtube.com/live/qOITu\\_fwPrQ](https://youtube.com/live/qOITu_fwPrQ)

\* Event begins at timestamp [04:15](#)

#### Highlights & key themes

- Broad coverage across all major outlets including Global, CTV, CityNews1130 and CBC, with media in-person attendance from 9 separate outlets.
- Tone of questions during press conference mirrored in coverage; mostly neutral despite sensitive nature of the subject, becoming more negative into the day as protest activity increased
- Topics of note: local traffic cameras being down, lack of shelter space
- Key messages picked up:
  - City requesting support from police to bring the East Hastings encampment to a close following a steady deterioration in public safety
  - Increase in fires in the area and the encampment zone
  - City has reached a turning point where fire and safety risks are too high
- Mayor widely quoted around situation having reached a turning point due to violence and fire safety risks
- City Manager clipped on malfunctioning traffic cameras and operational details
- Fire Chief quoted on fire stats and hazards
- Police Chief quoted on rising crime stats

#### Media in attendance

MEDIA OUTLET	NAME OF REPORTER
1. CBC	Lyndsay Duncombe & Mike Zimmer (camera)
2. CityNews	Hana Mae Nassar & Allan Chek (camera)
3. CTV	Penny Daflos & Shelley Moore (camera)
4. Fairchild TV	Jason (camera)
5. Glacier Media	Mike Howell
6. Global News	Christa Dao
7. Globe and Mail	Frances Bula
8. Vancouver Sun/The Province	Derrick Penner & Georgian Francis (camera)

#### Summary of Media Q&A

CityNews - Hana Mae Nassar: Only one media camera was allowed inside the encampment area and City street cameras were turned off at that intersection for a bit of time. Why wasn't there more transparency?

Paul Mochrie: There was an inadvertent technical error where the traffic camera at Main and Hastings was disabled for roughly half hour at approximately 9:15 a.m. Once that came to our attention, we remedied the situation and the cameras are back online now. We are working to provide as much transparency as possible, including a pool camera that is directly accessible to the work that is happening.

Chief Palmer: There is a pool camera down there for media to monitor what's going on. Lots of people down there with smart phones taking video and coverage right now for main stream and social media.

Follow-up question: We saw tension and clashing last time this happened. Any learnings from the last time? Seems like we are doing the same thing over and over again.

Paul Mochrie: The VPDs presence today has been requested by the City. The primary objective is to ensure that our staff doing this work are safe, and that all the people in the neighbourhood remain safe during the day. There is significant amount of criminal activity there from people who are not seeking homes and the emphasis today is on keeping people safe.

CTV - Penny Daflos: We keep hearing from people at the site there is not enough housing and people have no where to go. If you keep kicking people out, aren't they just going to go around the block – what is the plan?

Paul Mochrie: We continue to encourage people to take any option available to come inside. It is safer, connects people with services and gives them the best chance to move on to more permanent housing. This encampment in its current form is unsafe. That is what we have to deal with today and that is not going to solve the issue of homelessness. That is a long-term challenge and we are going to do our best to keep working to resolve that. In the meantime, it's this particular encampment we're focused on.

Follow-up question: The Premier acknowledged there are deplorable conditions in many SROs, yet that is the path towards permanent housing. What is the City's role to make sure these places are habitable?

Paul Mochrie: The SRO housing stock is a very important, particularly for people with low income. Much of that stock is very old, was constructed for a different purpose as hotels, and needs significant reinvestment and redevelopment. That is a very expensive and long term challenge. Not one the City can resolve on our own. In the meantime, the City inspects SROs on an ongoing basis, along with VFRS and SRO owners. We are also working with private SROs to make sure people living there are adequately supported.

CBC: The National – Lyndsay Duncombe: What tactically is different about what is happening on the ground today as opposed in the summer when people were told to leave?

Chief Palmer: Our role is to support City staff and make sure that people are safe and make sure people in the encampment are safe. There has been a deterioration in public safety in the area. We're there to restore some public safety and protect the City workers while they do their job, and we're there at the City's request.

Paul Mochrie: For months, City staff have been enforcing city by-laws and carrying out tasks under the Fire Chiefs Order. That has been relatively small scale, moving a few structures per day. In many cases people have moved their tents voluntarily. Today the effort is to remove the remaining structures and bring the encampment to a close.

Follow-up question: How will you make sure people don't take the problems and dangers you described to another area if they don't have anywhere to go because there isn't enough housing?

Chief Palmer: Once encampments become entrenched they become dangerous and volatile. Living on the street is a risky endeavor. We are there to help them get to a better place and keep the city safe.

Paul Mochrie: The issues we're dealing with here are due to the size and magnitude of this encampment, and it having been entrenched in one place as long as it has. We will continue to support people who are sheltering outdoors, not only in the DTES but across the city. Homelessness is a regional problem. It's not a problem that can be solved in Vancouver or the DTES alone. We will continue working with people who are sheltering outside to keep them safe and look to prevent larger, entrenched encampments.

Globe and Mail – Frances Bula: How many shelter spaces are available? How much new housing is coming online and when?

Paul Mochrie: Re: shelter spaces, that's a dynamic picture. Our teams are in touch with BC Housing everyday to know where capacity exists. Efforts have been made over the last eight months to preserve shelter options for people on Hastings St, but day-to-day that number fluctuates. Re: housing coming online, over 300 units are coming over the next couple of months.

Glacier Media – Mike Howell: How many people are currently on the street? Is there enough shelter to accommodate them?

Paul Mochrie: That is a fluid number. Today, if everyone who we understand to be homeless wants to take shelter it's likely we would not have sufficient shelter space for everyone. But we know not everyone is not going to take shelter. Many of those people have been offered shelter for months and have declined that option for various reasons. If someone on Hastings wants shelter today and it's not available we will stay connected to get them indoors as quickly as we can.

Follow-up question: You said the goal today is to shut down the encampment, does this extend to Crab Park? If not, when will you deal with Crab Park?

Paul Mochrie: Today's goal is to remove the structures from East Hastings encampment. No, we are not dealing with Crab Park today. The situation there is different. There is an existing court ruling that applies to Crab Park that allows people to maintain structures during the day in one area of the park. The Park Control By-law allows people to shelter in parks overnight if they have no other options. We don't see permanent, long-term encampments as a solution and we're working with the Province to bring that to an end, it's just not what we're dealing with today.

Global News – Crista Dao: How are you going to reconcile wanting people gone, but you don't have space to house them?

Paul Mochrie: We aren't looking for them to be gone. What we need to do today is remove the structures from the Hastings encampment because the safety risks there are so severe. Optimal situation is they voluntarily take down their structure and move their belongings to a location where it is safe and legal to shelter overnight. We would continue to work with them as housing/shelter space comes online.

Follow-up question: Has everyone been offered shelter? How many spaces are accessible for today?

Paul Mochrie: Outreach staff have been on Hastings for months. We've made every possible effort to provide options for people who are there. For various reasons some have turned them down. We're not solving homelessness here today. That's not what this is about. This is about dealing with a very serious public safety issue.

Postmedia – Derrick Penner: How come your efforts to gain cooperation from people haven't worked?

Paul Mochrie: There has been a lot of voluntary departures. Over 600 structures have been moved. Vast majority of those moved upon request. What we face now is that the people who remain are much less inclined to cooperate and we need to bring it to a close in a way that is respectful, non-confrontational and resolves the safety issues.

Follow-up question: Mayor Sim said this represents a turning point. When was the turning point reached?

Mayor Sim: There's a different attitude at the City now where all our team members are supported and this is a City-led initiative. We are one unified team that has a common purpose and we want to see better outcomes, especially in the downtown east side. Since the election this year we've identified public safety, mental health and addictions, and supporting our most vulnerable residents as primary concerns of the city.

## Second Round

CityNews - Hana Mae Nassar: What are you getting from province to ensure any rehousing is successful?

Mayor Sim: We have conversations with the Province and it's a priority to provide housing stock for all sectors, including supportive housing. With the Province, we approved a number of new housing units to come online in Vancouver. I believe we will start to see improvements on the housing front sooner rather than later.

CTV - Penny Daflos: What is your plan to keep people from considering living in a tent or SRO as affordability gets worse? How will you keep them from being left on the street?

Mayor Sim: At the City of Vancouver, we can work to make it easier to get a permit to build more housing. That's the stuff we can do to make it more affordable, less costly and faster to build so we can catch up to provide housing for everyone. We are going to Ottawa to lobby for more social housing and co-ops. We continue to have conversations with all levels of government. These are examples of things we're doing in the short term to triage the situation as we look towards longer term solutions.

Globe and Mail – Frances Bula: What is the long-term plan to ensure the encampment doesn't restart on Hastings or another area?

Paul Mochrie: Engineering crews will continue the work they do everyday to support people who have erected structures on public spaces, and enforce the Street and Traffic By-Law. There may be more of that work in the short term, as necessary. We may need support from VPD again to ensure everyone is safe.

CityNews - Hana Mae Nassar: How long will this work take? How many staff are down there with police officers?

Paul Mochrie: Our hope is to get this done today in a respectful, measured, non-confrontational way. There might be about 50 city staff there today, but I need to confirm that number.

Chief Palmer: We don't release the exact number, but there are dozens of officers there today.

Glacier Media – Mike Howell: Who made the decision to do this work today?

Mayor Sim: This has been an ongoing issue. Today's work is a City-led initiative, supported by VPD and VFRS.

Follow-up question: So it was the City. Was this supported by Council?

Mayor Sim: Everything has been fully supported. The encampment in the DTES is untenable and we want to deal with the situation in an empathetic

way, and that's what we are going today.

Media clippings (through to April 5, 2023 4:00 p.m.)

Headline	Source	Author	Sentiment
<a href="#">City of Vancouver plans to remove all tents on East Hastings today</a>	Daily Hive	Amir Ali	Neutral
<a href="#">Vancouver police block East Hastings to bring 'encampment to a close'</a>	City News	Charlie Carey	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver's East Hastings encampment reaches 'turning point': mayor</a>	City News	Charlie Carey	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ Hamish Ballantyne - VANDU Community Organizer: Ongoing DTES encampment sweep</a>	CKNW: The Jill Bennett Show	Jill Bennett	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ Union Gospel Mission Spokesperson, Nicole Mucci: Vancouver asks police to help end Hastings Street tent encampment</a>	CKNW: The Jill Bennett Show	Jill Bennett	Neutral
<a href="#">Interview w/ Amanda Burrows, Interim Executive Director, First United Church Community Ministry Society: Council's focus on surveillance of non-profit grantees</a>	CKNW: The Jill Bennett Show	Jill Bennett	Negative
<a href="#">'People don't want to leave': Vancouver shuts down East Hastings encampment</a>	Vancouver is Awesome	Jeremy Hainsworth, Alanna Kelly, Brendan Kergin, Mike Howell, Elana Shepert	Negative
<a href="#">COV moves ahead with clearing DTES encampment; Officials say situation is untenable</a>	City News 1130 (CKWX)	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police deployed to end tent encampment in Downtown Eastside</a>	Vancouver is Awesome Also published in the Toronto Star	Canadian Press	Negative
<a href="#">COV beings to remove DTES tent encampment</a>	CBC One 690AM/88.1FM Radio	Belle Puri	Neutral
<a href="#">Live: Vancouver removing tents on East Hastings Street today</a>	The Province Also published in the Vancouver Sun	Tiffany Crawford	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police block East Hastings Street to begin removing encampment</a>	CBC Vancouver	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police deployed to end tent encampment in Downtown Eastside</a>	The Globe and Mail Also published in the following outlets: - The Star Vancouver - CTV Vancouver News	Ashley Joannou and Nono Shen	Negative
<a href="#">Efforts underway to remove 80 tents, structures from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside: city</a>	CTV Vancouver News	Becca Clarkson	Neutral
<a href="#">City of Vancouver has moved in to clear out a stretch of East Hastings on DTES</a>	City News 1130 (CKWX)	Staff	Neutral
<a href="#">Vancouver takes down Hastings tent encampment</a>	Global News BC1	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Dismantling East Hastings tent encampment: Vancouver staff request help from police</a>	Global News	Amy Judd	Neutral
<a href="#">City of Vancouver begins removal of Hastings Street encampment</a>	Global News	Emily Lazatin	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police aid in eviction of Hastings Street encampment</a>	Global News	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">"Welcome to Cruel Vancouver": Former mayor slams "genocidal" East Hastings plan</a>	Daily Hive	Amir Ali	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police begin removing East Hastings Street encampment (Ends at 27:00)</a>	CBC Radio: BC Today with Michelle Eliot	Michelle Eliot	Neutral
<a href="#">Interview w/ Mayor Ken Sim: Vancouver moves to take down Hastings street encampment (Starts at 29:14.)</a>	CKNW: The Mike Smyth Show	Mike Smyth	Neutral
<a href="#">Protestors on East Hastings Street attack Vancouver Police officers (with updates)</a>	The Indo-Canadian Voice	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ VANDU Community Organizer Hamish Ballantyne: Vancouver clearing the encampment (Time Stamp: 18:00 - 29:10)</a>	CKNW: The Mike Smyth Show	Mike Smyth	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ Sarah Blythe, Advocate for the DTES and</a>	CKNW: The Jas Johal Show	Jas Johal	Neutral

<a href="#">Executive Director for the Overdose Prevention Society: Vancouver removing tents on East Hastings Street today</a>			
<a href="#">Vancouver manager 'couldn't commit' to shelter spaces for all evicted DTES residents</a>	Global News	Elizabeth McSheffrey	Negative

Social coverage from notable accounts (through to April 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.)

Link	Account	Followers	Engagement	Comments
<a href="#">Link</a>	@GlobalBC	432,853	277	HAPPENING NOW: East Hastings Street is closed and city staff has requested help from the Vancouver police to remove all tents and structures from the street. <a href="https://t.co/Joh1EQKolw">https://t.co/Joh1EQKolw</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@GlobalBC	432,845	8	WATCH LIVE: Vancouver's mayor, police constable and fire chief are giving an update on the dismantling of the Hastings Street tent encampment. <a href="https://t.co/hXW0VapFBC">https://t.co/hXW0VapFBC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CTVancouver	355,172	72	Dozens of tents and structures in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside are set to be removed Wednesday, as city staff and police execute plans to bring the Hasting Street encampment to an end. <a href="https://t.co/X4v69cxTD">https://t.co/X4v69cxTD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@cbcnewsbc	318,049	187	Police have moved into Vancouver's Downtown Eastside on Wednesday morning as the city prepares to carry out its plan to remove a street encampment from the neighbourhood. <a href="https://t.co/OVeFzrEMFX">https://t.co/OVeFzrEMFX</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,323	23	MORE: Vancouver's City Manager acknowledges there are more people seeking housing than the city has available, "that is absolutely correct." <a href="https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD">https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,311	3	Listen live for all major updates on the East Hastings decampment online and on your radio. You can hear @CityNewsVan here: <a href="https://t.co/kzatuli22T">https://t.co/kzatuli22T</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,304	35	THE LATEST: Vancouver Fire Chief says the "persistent fire risk posed by the encampments and recent fires in the neighborhood has made the situation of East Hastings Street even more precarious since the fire order went in place." <a href="https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD">https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,303	8	WATCH LIVE: Vancouver mayor, police address move to shut down East Hastings encampment <a href="https://t.co/X6yUJmAYPs">https://t.co/X6yUJmAYPs</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,298	277	#BREAKING NEWS: Vancouver police block East Hastings to bring 'encampment to a close' <a href="https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD">https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@DailyHiveVan	295,405	74	City of #Vancouver plans to remove all tents on East Hastings today #vanpoli <a href="https://t.co/aE3CoR5sWc">https://t.co/aE3CoR5sWc</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverSun	286,917	54	By noon, the sidewalks on the 100-block of Hastings were mostly clear and a street cleaning truck sat at the corner of Main Street waiting to power wash what was left behind. <a href="https://t.co/PDxiH3bXnD">https://t.co/PDxiH3bXnD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityofVancouver	255,005	128	@j_mcelroy The feed for Main and Hastings was down from approximately 9 to 9:45 am due to a staff error. We acknowledge and apologize that this was very unfortunate given today's work in the East Hastings encampment. The camera feed is now working as it s
<a href="#">Link</a>	@TransLink	216,291	5	#RiderAlert Update: R5 Hastings St to SFU detour beginning at 12:30 PM. Regular route to Hastings and Seymour, then Seymour, Cordova, Main, Hastings resume regular route due to police incident. ^MR
<a href="#">Link</a>	@TransLink	216,288	4	#RiderAlert R5 Hastings St to Burrard Station detour beginning at 8:00 AM. Regular route to Clark and Hastings, then Clark, Venables-Prior-Georgia Viaducts, Homer, Hastings, resume regular route due to demonstration. ^MR
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	196,044	19	Work is continuing throughout the encampment zone. City crews are now focused on the area of East Hastings between Columbia and Carrall Streets. Traffic remains closed.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vancouverpd	196,018	75	Chief Palmer: We take this profession seriously and it's no secret it has become increasingly challenging to keep people safe in the Downtown Eastside encampment. <a href="https://t.co/uopXPRk8v5">https://t.co/uopXPRk8v5</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	195,977	175	To ensure safety and privacy for people within the encampment, we have limited public access. Media and observers can stage at Columbia and East Hastings Street.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	195,975	98	East Hastings Street is currently closed between Main Street and Columbia. Transit has been rerouted and drivers are encouraged to avoid the area.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	195,975	557	We have deployed additional officers to the Downtown Eastside this morning as the City of Vancouver continues to work within the Hastings Street encampment. We will provide frequent updates here on Twitter as the work continues.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@theprovince	189,524	13	Follow our ongoing coverage as the City of Vancouver undertakes removing all 80 tents and structures in the DTES area. <a href="https://t.co/XX6zN8W3QC">https://t.co/XX6zN8W3QC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@theprovince	189,519	4	LIVE: Postmedia has a team of reporters as about 140 police and city staff



				are removing people and tents from along a stretch of East Hastings Street. Follow our coverage: <a href="https://t.co/XX6zN8WBGa">https://t.co/XX6zN8WBGa</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsTraffic	121,872		12:43 - #VancouverBC - Collision on Hastings St. east of Victoria Dr.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CKNW	113,230	4	WATCH LIVE: Vancouver's mayor, police constable and fire chief are giving an update on the dismantling of the Hastings Street tent encampment. <a href="https://t.co/m0YAlolmn9">https://t.co/m0YAlolmn9</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CKNW	113,229	58	HAPPENING NOW: East Hastings Street is closed and city staff has requested help from the Vancouver police to remove all tents and structures from the street. <a href="https://t.co/ekvIPZOf6W">https://t.co/ekvIPZOf6W</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@timescolonist	88,985	1	'People don't want to leave': Vancouver shuts down East Hastings encampment <a href="https://t.co/haTG16dID2">https://t.co/haTG16dID2</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CTVNewsVI	78,107	1	Stakeholders in B.C.'s housing market are trying to read through the fine print after a sweeping announcement from the B.C. government. <a href="https://t.co/glhxy5Olp9">https://t.co/glhxy5Olp9</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CTVNewsVI	78,107		Stakeholders in B.C.'s housing market are trying to read through the fine print after a sweeping announcement from the B.C. government. <a href="https://t.co/bzo9alMHnv">https://t.co/bzo9alMHnv</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@j_mcelroy	77,872	27	You can watch the city of Vancouver's press conference on the Hastings Street encampment removal here <a href="https://t.co/VLa1wA432Q">https://t.co/VLa1wA432Q</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@j_mcelroy	77,861	2467	curious how in the middle of the clearing of the tent encampment on hasting street the hasting traffic cameras aren't working <a href="https://t.co/CGAC03oeiv">https://t.co/CGAC03oeiv</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KCTS9	76,425		The Suquamish Tribe has allocated \$15 million from the 2021 American Rescue Plan, to build affordable housing on reservation land and provide financial assistance to their citizens. <a href="https://t.co/tXXFSDAJSP">https://t.co/tXXFSDAJSP</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AM730Traffic	76,407	1	#Vancouver - A police incident has Hastings St closed between Main St & Abbott St ^jj <a href="https://t.co/OZlx71XVN">https://t.co/OZlx71XVN</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CHEK_News	56,248		Vancouver police deployed to end tent encampment in Downtown Eastside <a href="https://t.co/vj4bWpF6g">https://t.co/vj4bWpF6g</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@BradPorcellato	36,404	8	The #Vancouver Police didn't close the East Hastings encampment; they simply breached the offenders out of the area. They will soon be welcomed in #NewWest, Surrey and Maple Ridge. I appreciate the effort, but those folks need incarceration, not a free ride to the suburbs.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,084	59	Holdout tents trashed. City workers shoveling up remaining bits. Police officers slowly advancing. Amazing Grace on bagpipes, drumming, smudging, chants. Asked a guy in path what he's gonna do when crews, 15 feet away, get here. "I hadn't really thought of that."
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,082	22	Police have now formed a line and are directing the crowd to move back (east) along Hastings, away from the holdout tents and city trucks. Behind them, city workers hosing down the street in front of the Pennsylvania Hotel <a href="https://t.co/K8LCUBWcAQ">https://t.co/K8LCUBWcAQ</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,082	53	Tensions flaring, crowd growing near some of the holdout tents. Crowd also blocking path of city worker trucks <a href="https://t.co/WDozfw5SoJ">https://t.co/WDozfw5SoJ</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,070	9	With Main/Hastings generally cleared, operation now moving in from Carrall. Few people blocking row of city trucks trying to move in <a href="https://t.co/vilgloVB7v">https://t.co/vilgloVB7v</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,067	33	._@ChristaDag: So goal is to remove structures but you just said not enough shelter/housing space for ppl, so... ? Mochrie: Not looking for them to be gone. We realize these are residents of Vancouver. They're going to be in Vancouver... Public safety, structures have to be gone
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,066	2	Mochrie asked about deplorable SRO conditions. "SRO housing stock in Vancouver a very important housing asset.. much of that housing stock very old, constructed for diff purpose, in need of sig reinvestment/redevelopment. Expensive long-term challenge city can't resolve on own
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	19	City manager asked why traffic cam at Main and Hastings has been shut off. Paul Mochrie says "inadvertent technical error" on part of staff. Says it's now back online.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	2	._@VanFireRescue Chief @Karen_Fry: Since fire chief's order to clear encampment last July, some improvements but overall worse. 1,600 propane tanks have been removed, local businesses damaged. This year alone, 16 tent fires in the area and four injuries to ppl living in tents <a href="https://t.co/LKqvMbarFJ">https://t.co/LKqvMbarFJ</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	63	"We need to restore Hastings as a street that is safe and welcoming to everyone... the days ahead will be challenging, but I know that if we work through this together, we will see a better and safer and more prosperous DTES for everyone." - Mayor @KenSimCity <a href="https://t.co/BLv1xIauG">https://t.co/BLv1xIauG</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	34	City workers steadily disposing of structures, entire tents going into garbage trucks. Residents were given large city garbage bins yesterday to

				store belongings in; bunch of those around. Dozens of police officers, handful of ppl quietly protesting and holding up signs <a href="https://t.co/kVzGg80F6N">https://t.co/kVzGg80F6N</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,064	21	"The DTES encampment is fraught with serious crime, violence and dangerous weapons, which have proliferated in this neighbourhood. hood.. More than 2x day person in encampment is assaulted, 19 officers assaulted in encampment..." @VancouverPD @ChiefPalmer <a href="https://t.co/syu5SBdAy4">https://t.co/syu5SBdAy4</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@andreawoo	32,063	28	On Hastings now. <a href="https://t.co/3vFcfTYZmM">https://t.co/3vFcfTYZmM</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,060	255	The city of Vancouver's escalation of the clearing of the Hastings Street encampment has begun. Police have shut down a stretch of Hastings, dozens of police officers on site. Mayor and reps from fire, city, police to speak at 10:30 a.m.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	1	Palmer: I strongly support the city of Vancouver's decision to bring the encampment to an end. We're here to keep the peace and maintain orders. Our job is to provide a safe space for city workers to do their job.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	1	Vancouver police chief Adam Palmer: "It has becoming increasingly challenging to keep people safe in the Downtown Eastside." Talks about crime and assaults in the DTES. Nineteen police officers assaulted within the encampment. Almost 20 per cent increase in arsons.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	2	Fry: This year alone, 16 tent fires, four injuries among people living in tents, businesses damaged. Fires are occurring more regularly ... it is untenable and it is unsafe.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	4	Sim: "The days ahead will be challenging but if we work through this together, we will see a better and more prosperous Downtown Eastside for everyone."
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	4	Sim: "Listen, we need to restore Hastings as a street that is safe and welcoming for everyone. The challenges ... will not be solved overnight." Thanks Kahlon and Eby for their willingness to take a bold step and take a greater role in leadership (in the DTES)
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	1	Sim: My team made the decision to request help from the Vancouver police to bring the encampment to a close.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	5	Sim: Those remaining in tents are refusing to move. Talks about stories re theft, violence, violence against Indigenous women, fires among the tents. "Large, entrenched encampments is not a viable model."
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	2	Mayor Ken Sim: Starts by talking about fire chief's order last July to clear structures. Said city teams been working every day to get people to move, work done "with respect," removed more than 600 tents and structures
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	27	At city hall, awaiting mayor, fire chief et al re clearing tents from East Hastings <a href="https://t.co/IMqc37PkIF">https://t.co/IMqc37PkIF</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Sim: "Think will see improvements on the housing front sooner rather than later." And talks about provincial co-operation with bringing new stuff on.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: Have been a lot of voluntary departures from Hastings. Over 250 have left to move into shelter or housing. The people there now are much less inclined to co-operate. We're not seeing any voluntary compliance and we need to end this.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: We've made every possible effort to provide options for people who are there. The vast majority of people in Vancouver who are unsheltered are not on Hastings Street. We're not solving homelessness today. We're dealing with a serious public-safety issue.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	2	Mochrie: We're not looking for people to be gone. But safety risks on Hastings are so severe that those structures have to be gone. "Our staff are doing everything they can to help them pack their belongings." Working to connect them to shelter/housing options.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Q: How do you ensure that this all doesn't just re-appear somewhere else Mochrie: Problem is camp got so big and entrenched. There is a significant amount of housing coming onstream. We have 1,300 people in shelters also waiting for housing.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: What's different today -- an effort to remove the remainder of the encampment. A continuation of the work we've done, but to bring it to an end.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	I've asked about numbers on shelter spaces and new housing coming on. Mochrie: Shelter availability fluctuates. Around 300 units coming along in next few months.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	22	Mochrie: Acknowledges there is not enough housing, that some people will continue to have to shelter outside.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	9	Q: Keep hearing that there is no housing. Where supposed to go Mochrie: Have encouraged people to go to shelters to connect to services. Going to continue to work with everyone there who is interested in coming inside. But this encampment is clearly unsafe.

<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	5	Now questions from media: City cameras have been turned off, only one media camera allowed. You said you wanted transparency? Mochrie: Was an inadvertent technical error where Main and Hastings camera disabled, that was a mistake. That camera is now online.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: We do know there are individuals on the street who have declined housing. Shelters provide a critical opportunity for people to connect with services.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	26	Vancouver announces it is clearing out East Hastings. People on the ground tell me media being kept out of key blocks? Confirm? <a href="https://t.co/qodhA20MSj">https://t.co/qodhA20MSj</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@MikeSmythNews	25,539	16	We have live coverage right now of the Vancouver police operation to remove tents and structures from Hastings Street. The street is blocked off as police move in to remove the encampment. @CKNW AM-980 on your radio. Stream live at <a href="https://t.co/GCfuw0QuWS">https://t.co/GCfuw0QuWS</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@irplayyer	24,136		@GregTearle88 Is there any evidence that shows that incident was connected to the encampment? I haven't seen any.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,326	3	"We're not solving homelessness here today" Mochrie says most people have left voluntarily but those left now have refused multiple offers of housing and "we do need to bring this to an end" and trying to be respectful and non-confrontational
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,326	7	Mochrie again, saying they don't expect people to leave but their tents do have to be removed They accept people will move elsewhere in the city but he keeps emphasizing the long term plan is housing Outreach staff have been on street since august making "every possible effort"
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,326	5	He says they can't just prioritize housing for people on Hastings when there are homeless everywhere in city Vancouver has 75% of shelters & supportive housing in region but 25% of population Mochrie says not spaces for everyone but doesn't think they'll all accept it
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,323	9	I asked about people just getting displaced to other parts of the city because there's not enough housing and they expect that'll happen When I asked about the city's role in SRO inspections and conditions, Mochrie acknowledged they're "bad" and old and province needs to help fix
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,323	1	Mochrie says police presence about safety and they'd rather not need them there "Highly unstable and unsafe" situation at encampment
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,322	2	He says vancouver is shouldering more of the burden to care for homeless than other cities in the region "Shelters are not a substitute for permanently housing" but Mochrie insists they're safer and connect people w services Questions starting now
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,322	5	City manager says more than 600 tents removed and dozens have accepted housing offers to leave He says city had taken a "people first approach" and acknowledged day to day challenges, hardship to move from shelter to shelter Paul Mochrie insists steps are about safety
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,321	4	He says the VPD is there to help people who fall through the cracks and are victimized He says at least 2 assaults a day in the encampment, 19 police assaulted there 67% increase in robberies but he doesn't cite time frame Now reiterating Atira stats on violence against women
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,321	6	He's now talking about fire risk and that the encampment is "not a viable model" and is raising risk of loss of life and homes. Sim says this didn't happen overnight and won't be solved overnight but calls this a step in the right direction.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,321	70	A press conference is getting underway right now with Vancouver's mayor, fire and police chiefs about the decampment of the DTES I'll be tweeting updates here, more on Hastings action here: <a href="https://t.co/bjCZgimlvB">https://t.co/bjCZgimlvB</a> #vanpoli #bcpoli @CTVVancouver <a href="https://t.co/sQSOyWtOWA">https://t.co/sQSOyWtOWA</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KennedyStewart	21,245	251	On October 15, 2022, 85,732 of you voted to elect a new mayor and council who today abandoned our attempts to reconcile with Indigenous people and resume traditional genocidal practices. Welcome to Cruel Vancouver. #Vanpoli #UNDRIP
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pivotlegal	19,635	35	Call out for support! Please note emphasis on NOT ESCALATING THE SITUATION. Supporters are being called on to hold space for unhoused folks. Location: Hastings & Columbia <a href="https://t.co/pDLy1RaunW">https://t.co/pDLy1RaunW</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KelownaNow	19,207		There have been several recent fires at the camp, and the city says Vancouver police have reported a nine per cent increase in assaults in the area since the encampment began. <a href="https://t.co/KMdiDOAfC6">https://t.co/KMdiDOAfC6</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@City604Van	18,412	24	@EmilyLazatin @jillreports @GlobalBC Hey @VPDTrafficUnit TY for ending the tent encampment. Many citizens are proud of the work that #VPD is doing to keep our city safe EVERY Day Their/Our Safety is Paramount #Vancouver #Police @VanPoliceBoard @KenSimCity
<a href="#">Link</a>	@City604Van	18,411	3	@EmilyLazatin @jillreports @GlobalBC @VPDTrafficUnit @VanPoliceBoard

				@KenSimCity Over 400 times the #Vancouver #FireDept attended the tent encampment on #Hastings St. in the last 8 months. 1st responders, citizens & staff all facing violence, +several sta
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AlexisDVyne	17,589	1	@AndreaWoo @KenSimCity That's bull! They have developers itching to gentrify the area! This is 100% about kicking out the homeless to make way for more condos! The developers own the mayor! Zero plans to relocate people to housing just a plan to clear it
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JenStDen	14,124	73	A couple more photos of Hastings between Carrall and Columbia. I couldn't get information about whether the decampment/police crews would start on this block next. <a href="https://t.co/FE1HTd06w">https://t.co/FE1HTd06w</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JenStDen	14,123	74	I spoke to Isaac, the man sitting on the car seat in the street. He was there to observe the situation: he said he has mixed feelings about the decampment, because he's supported people who live in tents on Hastings but has also seen people victimized in the encampment. <a href="https://t.co/DEi44jFR7I">https://t.co/DEi44jFR7I</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@jenstden	14,116	52	Just outside the decampment zone, people are now throwing belongings and tents onto Hastings <a href="https://t.co/KRXBaW4wg3">https://t.co/KRXBaW4wg3</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JenStDen	14,112	213	Police have closed off Hastings from Carrall to Main to clear tents from the sidewalk #dtes <a href="https://t.co/wAA6pbcji4">https://t.co/wAA6pbcji4</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@iamkennethchan	13,652	2	At the Vancouver Real Estate Forum: In his pre-recorded remarks, BC minister of housing Ravi Kahlon makes it clear he is glad Vancouver City Council quashed its "Pace of Change" policy for the Broadway Plan. #vanpoli #vanre <a href="https://t.co/BeJMQTedRs">https://t.co/BeJMQTedRs</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@iamkennethchan	13,652	287	JUST IN... Today, City of Vancouver crews will be moving in on the Hastings Street encampment, with the assistance of the VPD, to remove ALL remaining tents and structures -- about 80. Campers are being encouraged to accept shelter offers. #DTES #vanpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@iamkennethchan	13,651	3	At the BC Real Estate Forum: In his pre-recorded remarks, BC minister of housing Ravi Kahlon makes it clear he is glad Vancouver City Council quashed its "Pace of Change" policy for the Broadway Plan. #vanpoli #vanre <a href="https://t.co/v9LTF0X0dk">https://t.co/v9LTF0X0dk</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KenSimCity	12,800	900	To ensure the life and safety of all residents and the surrounding community, the decision has been made to bring the East Hastings encampment to a close today. Shelter space is available to those currently residing on Hastings St. As we move forward, we will continue to work... <a href="https://t.co/N1UyrOdwPU">https://t.co/N1UyrOdwPU</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@bobmackin	11,198	55	Vancouver traffic camera at Main and Hastings, looking west, appears to show police on-scene with a temporary street closure as efforts continue to end the #DTES sidewalk tent city. #vanpoli #bcpoli <a href="https://t.co/Qtmjr7Z5BN">https://t.co/Qtmjr7Z5BN</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@InsiteVan	11,062	18	#dtes Vpd now clearing the 000 block e Hastings #vanpoli <a href="https://t.co/AXqgT64QLS">https://t.co/AXqgT64QLS</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,640	54	VPD has produced a speaker, likely to tell supporters to dissipate. We say again: There is no housing. There are no emergency shelter spaces. This is banishment. <a href="https://t.co/PpSdW1xaid">https://t.co/PpSdW1xaid</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pacesociety	10,632	21	Local military are set up on roof tops taking pictures on Hastings today. #vanpoli #stopthesweeps
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vandupeople	10,590	42	Decampment has moved to Hastings and Carrall. <a href="https://t.co/sbleXczYi3">https://t.co/sbleXczYi3</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,561	81	Councillor Pete Fry is here. Residents demanding answers as to why there is no housing being offered. <a href="https://t.co/8mb5dSOKpn">https://t.co/8mb5dSOKpn</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vandupeople	10,541	116	Resident Sandra speaks: "I've lived here for 7 years. I don't feel safe anywhere but the Downtown Eastside." <a href="https://t.co/SvXulX0Hmt">https://t.co/SvXulX0Hmt</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vandupeople	10,541	155	Residents, supporters, and VANDU members are gathering at Hastings and Columbia. Residents to VPD: "We live here, you only work here." <a href="https://t.co/IWZBNQ9i5T">https://t.co/IWZBNQ9i5T</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,504	103	Chris Livingstone, former WAHRS board member, VANDU leader, and COPE candidate for Park Board is turned away from Hastings along with other DTES residents. "The block is closed." <a href="https://t.co/3ckVCX0TAm">https://t.co/3ckVCX0TAm</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,502	130	MEDIA ADVISORY April 5th, 2023: The #StopTheSweeps Coalition is holding an emergency press conference at the intersection of Hastings and Columbia at 10:45am. Residents and organizers will be present for comment. <a href="https://t.co/8YolZmFdLM">https://t.co/8YolZmFdLM</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,482	271	Premier @Dave_Eby is at the UBCM Housing Summit in downtown Vancouver. Why doesn't David Eby come and speak to the residents of the Hastings Tent City who have nowhere to go?
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,467	547	There are now approx. 100 constables on Hastings. @VancouverPD are creating an 'exclusion zone' barring community & legal observers from entering, waiting for @CityofVancouver to arrive. This paramilitary tactic was used against Wet'suwet'en land defenders & at Fairy Creek.

				<a href="https://t.co/en4UEE06St">https://t.co/en4UEE06St</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,466	1131	BREAKING: @VancouverPD have descended upon East Hastings Street to enclose the community and begin decampment. Police vans are blocking the street from Main to Columbia. Approximately 50 constables on the ground. <a href="https://t.co/c5WdQu7cFC">https://t.co/c5WdQu7cFC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@MikePHager	8,975	20	Dozens of @VancouverPD officers blocking off traffic on unit block of East Hastings Street as tents are cleared from the heart of #Vancouver's #DTES. #vanpoli #VanRE <a href="https://t.co/xs8UYlFUGA">https://t.co/xs8UYlFUGA</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@Lidsville	7,772	19	@KahlonRav Meanwhile, can you confirm this @KahlonRav? You're the Minister of Housing - are you OK with this? <a href="https://t.co/zjE1oXwp8V">https://t.co/zjE1oXwp8V</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@Lidsville	7,772	3	@JennXForests @KahlonRav The shelters aren't safe in a number of ways. Meanwhile the province is also trying to coerce people into them by making social housing inaccessible to you if you're not in a shelter first - despite the dangers and bedbugs.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@lidsville	7,772	114	Where the hell are all those living on the street in the Downtown Eastside supposed to go exactly? There aren't even enough shelter spots to house them all, which the Sim govt - both authoritarian & incompetent - didn't even bother to address. Comment @KahlonRav? #vanpoli #bcpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@TrafficVancity	7,749		Vancouver - bothways Hastings St between Columbia St and Main St police activity
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PGCitizen	7,678		The city says it has requested support from police to bring the East Hastings encampment to a close "following a steady deterioration in public safety and an increase in fires in the area and the encampment zone." <a href="https://t.co/aRdbesFVUJ">https://t.co/aRdbesFVUJ</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PGCitizen	7,677		"BC Housing is wanting to be responsive to the changes that we're seeing with the folks we serve and the communities that we serve as well." <a href="https://t.co/z7EUBUQ9vR">https://t.co/z7EUBUQ9vR</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JeanSwanson_	7,461	26	Vpd and city set to move Hastings st campers to nowhere. Meanwhile folks being evicted from 98 units of good housing with bathrooms kitchenettes and I think AC. #vanpoli #bcpoli I bet campers would love to move in there. City needs to find site for these modules asap
<a href="#">Link</a>	@REBGV	7,394	1	Check out these market highlights for the Metro Vancouver housing market in March. For the March monthly market report, visit <a href="https://t.co/d68ALnld6">https://t.co/d68ALnld6</a> #REBGV #vanre #marketupdate <a href="https://t.co/BzvjN2dizx">https://t.co/BzvjN2dizx</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@EmilyLazatin	7,120	70	Vancouver city crews/police have moved into the #DTES —blocking a stretch of Hastings. Mayor @KenSimCity says the city has reached a turning point where the risk of fire and violence in the encampment can no longer be tolerated. Watch @GlobalBC at noon and BC1 for the latest <a href="https://t.co/1KPTFoLGuh">https://t.co/1KPTFoLGuh</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@EmilyLazatin	7,097	799	Vancouver #DTES being cleared right now. Those one the streets are stuffing as much as they can into bins—I've seen tents and belongings thrown into garbage trucks—advocates calling it cruel and inhumane. No clashing so far. @GlobalBC <a href="https://t.co/F7MCdH2zp8">https://t.co/F7MCdH2zp8</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@EmilyLazatin	7,096	199	Happening now. Vancouver City crews and police moving in to clear tents and structures on east Hastings — between Columbia and Main and working through blk by blk. Full decampment. @GlobalBC <a href="https://t.co/f1C5QmmESC">https://t.co/f1C5QmmESC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,013	15	"We see most of these fires in SRO's not in tents, & been blamed on people in tents. Have been trainings by @VANDUpeople on dealing with fires in tents & we gave fire extinguishers Then city cut funding for both" @VANDUpeople's Hamish Ballantine on CKNW 12:20-8 #vanpoli #DTES
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,013	2	@whiten0iz it's just gaslighting & pretending we care optics. Hope reporters covering Ken Sim and ABC's eviction of the homeless people camping together for safety in DTES b/c #bcndp refuse to provide housing, do fact check Sim's claims of shelter space &
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,011	14	Because a while back @sqwabb was talking about the Ken Sim/David Eby gaslighting shell game of supportive housing for #homeless people Announcement of X many new ones, but not mentioning the REMOVAL/expiry of other sup'd housing. #vanpoli #vanRE #bcpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,011	42	I encourage Vancouverites & media to listen to @MikeSmythNews interview with @VANDUpeople's Hamish Ballantine fact checking ABC's Mayor @KenSimCity claims about real housing capacity for the homeless people he's evicting from #DTES Hope reporters interview @sqwabb too #vanpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,010	1	Listen to city press conference live on mayor Ken Sim's Hastings street #DTES sweep out homeless people now doing Q and A. Don't know if there is a live video stream <a href="https://t.co/uehOzHBstX">https://t.co/uehOzHBstX</a> #vanpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@DawnRoseTurner	6,832	15	"There are clear #HumanRights standards for what constitutes adequate

				#housing. These standards are overwhelmingly not being met by the city & the province..." @bccla, @pivotlegal allege violations occurring in #DTES   @globalnews #EVERY1DeservesAHome <a href="https://t.co/upLoqKRCTt">https://t.co/upLoqKRCTt</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@haroldmunro	6,272	1	Vancouver removing tents on East Hastings Street starting today <a href="https://t.co/dmvMHuXyZP">https://t.co/dmvMHuXyZP</a> via @VancouverSun
<a href="#">Link</a>	@Poisonflats	6,140	5	@patriot_vi @culture_myth they said they are offered housing, so there is some sort of plan. but for all of them? Perhaps not.
<a href="#">Link</a>	Simonplittle	6,594	543	The City of Vancouver is blaming a "very unfortunate" "staff error" for traffic cameras going down just as police and city crews begin evicting homeless campers from East Hastings Street.
<a href="#">Link</a>	EnglishBarge	4,807	8	#BREAKING WHITE ACADEMIC EMERGES FROM HIS IVORY TOWER TO SAY LET THE INDIGENOUS PPL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN TENTS AND DTES SQUALOR YOU RACIST PRICK KENNEDY STEWART !!! #LANDBACK
<a href="#">Link</a>	Bkergin	1,652	1,078	Things are getting a little more heated; someone just used a fire extinguisher #DTES

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am following up to advise you on activities along East Hastings Street since on my earlier afternoon update.

The 000, 100, 200 and 300 blocks of East Hastings and Carrall Street have been cleared and the work to clear structures on the 300 block of Main Street will continue until approximately 6:30 pm. As of 6 pm, crews have taken down 67 of 81 structures, removed 49 propane tanks and impounded and stored 42 totes. Engineering crews will return to the area tomorrow with VPD support.

Generally, City crews have seen a great deal of compliance and cooperation from the people sheltering on East Hastings and the distribution of backpacks was appreciated. Slower progress was primarily due to protest activity at site.

The City and its partners, BC Housing and the Ministry of Housing, can confirm there are shelter spaces available tonight for those sheltering along East Hastings. As of 6 pm today, eight people along East Hastings have requested shelter and have been accommodated. Shelter space availability is fluid in nature and we will continue to work with partners to identify additional capacity for those sheltering along East Hastings as it becomes available.

Additional media outlets were given access to the encampment area after 10am this morning. This was to balance the need to protect peoples' privacy and ensure everyone's safety, with the media's desire to access the working area. The general tone of the media coverage ranged from neutral to negative as the day progressed with increased protests in the afternoon. A media roundup follows my email.

Best,  
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱ ḵ y̱ m̱ (Musqueam), S̱ w̱ w̱ ú̱ 7̱ mesh (Squamish), and s̱ ḻ i̱ ḻ w̱ ṯ a̱ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

## East Hastings Media Summary

**Link to archived feed of press conference:** [https://youtube.com/live/qOiTu\\_fWPrQ](https://youtube.com/live/qOiTu_fWPrQ)

\* Event begins at timestamp [04:15](#)

### Highlights & key themes

- Broad coverage across all major outlets including Global, CTV, CityNews1130 and CBC, with media in-person attendance from 9 separate outlets.
- Tone of questions during press conference mirrored in coverage; mostly neutral despite sensitive nature of the subject, becoming more negative into the day as protest activity increased
- Topics of note: local traffic cameras being down, lack of shelter space
- Key messages picked up:
  - City requesting support from police to bring the East Hastings encampment to a close following a steady deterioration in public safety
  - Increase in fires in the area and the encampment zone
  - City has reached a turning point where fire and safety risks are too high
- Mayor widely quoted around situation having reached a turning point due to violence and fire safety risks
- City Manager clipped on malfunctioning traffic cameras and operational details
- Fire Chief quoted on fire stats and hazards
- Police Chief quoted on rising crime stats

### Media in attendance

MEDIA OUTLET	NAME OF REPORTER
1. CBC	Lyndsay Duncombe & Mike Zimmer (camera)
2. CityNews	Hana Mae Nassar & Allan Chek (camera)
3. CTV	Penny Daflos & Shelley Moore (camera)
4. Fairchild TV	Jason (camera)
5. Glacier Media	Mike Howell
6. Global News	Christa Dao
7. Globe and Mail	Frances Bula
8. Vancouver Sun/The Province	Derrick Penner & Georgian Francis (camera)

### Summary of Media Q&A



**CityNews - Hana Mae Nassar:** Only one media camera was allowed inside the encampment area and City street cameras were turned off at that intersection for a bit of time. Why wasn't there more transparency?

**Paul Mochrie:** There was an inadvertent technical error where the traffic camera at Main and Hastings was disabled for roughly half hour at approximately 9:15 a.m. Once that came to our attention, we remedied the situation and the cameras are back online now. We are working to provide as much transparency as possible, including a pool camera that is directly accessible to the work that is happening.

**Chief Palmer:** There is a pool camera down there for media to monitor what's going on. Lots of people down there with smart phones taking video and coverage right now for main stream and social media.

**Follow-up question:** We saw tension and clashing last time this happened. Any learnings from the last time? Seems like we are doing the same thing over and over again.

**Paul Mochrie:** The VPDs presence today has been requested by the City. The primary objective is to ensure that our staff doing this work are safe, and that all the people in the neighbourhood remain safe during the day. There is significant amount of criminal activity there from people who are not seeking homes and the emphasis today is on keeping people safe.

**CTV - Penny Daflos:** We keep hearing from people at the site there is not enough housing and people have no where to go. If you keep kicking people out, aren't they just going to go around the block – what is the plan?

**Paul Mochrie:** We continue to encourage people to take any option available to come inside. It is safer, connects people with services and gives them the best chance to move on to more permanent housing. This encampment in its current form is unsafe. That is what we have to deal with today and that is not going to solve the issue of homelessness. That is a long-term challenge and we are going to do our best to keep working to resolve that. In the meantime, it's this particular encampment we're focused on.

**Follow-up question:** The Premier acknowledged there are deplorable conditions in many SROs, yet that is the path towards permanent housing. What is the City's role to make sure these places are habitable?

**Paul Mochrie:** The SRO housing stock is a very important, particularity for people with low income. Much of that stock is very old, was constructed for a different purpose as hotels, and needs significant reinvestment and redevelopment. That is a very expensive and long term challenge. Not one the City can resolve on our own. In the meantime, the City inspects SROs on an ongoing basis, along with VFRS and SRO owners. We are also working with private SROs to make sure people living there are adequately supported.

**CBC: The National – Lyndsay Duncombe:** What tactically is different about what is happening on the ground today as opposed in the summer when people were told to leave?

**Chief Palmer:** Our role is to support City staff and make sure that people are safe and make sure people in the encampment are safe. There has been a deterioration in public safety in the area. We're there to restore some public safety and protect the City workers while they do their job, and we're there at the City's request.

**Paul Mochrie:** For months, City staff have been enforcing city by-laws and carrying out tasks under the Fire Chiefs Order. That has been relatively small scale, moving a few structures per day. In many cases people have moved their tents voluntarily. Today the effort is to remove the remaining structures and bring the encampment to a close.

**Follow-up question:** How will you make sure people don't take the problems and dangers you described to another area if they don't have anywhere to go because there isn't enough housing?

**Chief Palmer:** Once encampments become entrenched they become dangerous and volatile. Living on the street is a risky endeavor. We are there to help them get to a better place and keep the city safe.

**Paul Mochrie:** The issues we're dealing with here are due to the size and magnitude of this encampment, and it having been entrenched in one place as long as it has. We will continue to support people who are sheltering outdoors, not only in the DTES but across the city. Homelessness is a regional problem. It's not a problem that can be solved in Vancouver or the DTES alone. We will continue working with people who are sheltering outside to keep them safe and look to prevent larger, entrenched encampments.

**Globe and Mail – Frances Bula:** How many shelter spaces are available? How much new housing is coming online and when?

**Paul Mochrie:** Re: shelter spaces, that's a dynamic picture. Our teams are in touch with BC Housing every day to know where capacity exists.

Efforts have been made over the last eight months to preserve shelter options for people on Hastings St, but day-to-day that number fluctuates. Re: housing coming online, over 300 units are coming over the next couple of months.

**Glacier Media – Mike Howell:** How many people are currently on the street? Is there enough shelter to accommodate them?

**Paul Mochrie:** That is a fluid number. Today, if everyone who we understand to be homeless wants to take shelter it's likely we would not have sufficient shelter space for everyone. But we know not everyone is not going to take shelter. Many of those people have been offered shelter for months and have declined that option for various reasons. If someone on Hastings wants shelter today and it's not available we will stay connected to get them indoors as quickly as we can.

**Follow-up question:** You said the goal today is to shut down the encampment, does this extend to Crab Park? If not, when will you deal with Crab Park?

**Paul Mochrie:** Today's goal is to remove the structures from East Hastings encampment. No, we are not dealing with Crab Park today. The situation there is different. There is an existing court ruling that applies to Crab Park that allows people to maintain structures during the day in one area of the park. The Park Control By-law allows people to shelter in parks overnight if they have no other options. We don't see permanent, long-term encampments as a solution and we're working with the Province to bring that to an end, it's just not what we're dealing with today.

**Global News – Crista Dao:** How are you going to reconcile wanting people gone, but you don't have space to house them?

**Paul Mochrie:** We aren't looking for them to be gone. What we need to do today is remove the structures from the Hastings encampment because the safety risks there are so severe. Optimal situation is they voluntarily take down their structure and move their belongings to a location where it is safe and legal to shelter overnight. We would continue to work with them as housing/shelter space comes online.

**Follow-up question:** Has everyone been offered shelter? How many spaces are accessible for today?

**Paul Mochrie:** Outreach staff have been on Hastings for months. We've made every possible effort to provide options for people who are there. For various reasons some have turned them down. We're not solving homelessness here today. That's not what this is about. This is about dealing with a very serious public safety issue.

**Postmedia – Derrick Penner:** How come your efforts to gain cooperation from people haven't worked?

**Paul Mochrie:** There has been a lot of voluntary departures. Over 600 structures have been moved. Vast majority of those moved upon request. What we face now is that the people who remain are much less incline to cooperate and we need to bring it to a close in a way that is respectful, non-confrontational and resolves the safety issues.

**Follow-up question:** Mayor Sim said this represents a turning point. When was the turning point reached?

**Mayor Sim:** There's a different attitude at the City now where all our team members are supported and this is a City-led initiative. We are one unified team that has a common purpose and we want to see better outcomes, especially in the downtown east side. Since the election this year we've identified public safety, mental health and addictions, and supporting our most vulnerable residents as primary concerns of the city.

## Second Round

**CityNews - Hana Mae Nassar:** What are you getting from province to ensure any rehousing is successful?

**Mayor Sim:** We have conversations with the Province and it's a priority to provide housing stock for all sectors, including supportive housing. With the Province, we approved a number of new housing units to come online in Vancouver. I believe we will start to see improvements on the housing front sooner rather than later.

**CTV - Penny Daflos:** What is your plan to keep people from considering living in a tent or SRO as affordability gets worse? How will you keep them from being left on the street?

**Mayor Sim:** At the City of Vancouver, we can work to make it easier to get a permit to build more housing. That's the stuff we can do to make it

more affordable, less costly and faster to build so we can catch up to provide housing for everyone. We are going to Ottawa to lobby for more social housing and co-ops. We continue to have conversations with all levels of government. These are examples of things we're doing in the short term to triage the situation as we look towards longer term solutions.

**Globe and Mail – Frances Bula:** What is the long-term plan to ensure the encampment doesn't restart on Hastings or another area?

**Paul Mochrie:** Engineering crews will continue the work they do everyday to support people who have erected structures on public spaces, and enforce the Street and Traffic By-Law. There may be more of that work in the short term, as necessary. We may need support from VPD again to ensure everyone is safe.

**CityNews - Hana Mae Nassar:** How long will this work take? How many staff are down there with police officers?

**Paul Mochrie:** Our hope is to get this done today in a respectful, measured, non-confrontational way. There might be about 50 city staff there today, but I need to confirm that number.

**Chief Palmer:** We don't release the exact number, but there are dozens of officers there today.

**Glacier Media – Mike Howell:** Who made the decision to do this work today?

**Mayor Sim:** This has been an ongoing issue. Today's work is a City-led initiative, supported by VPD and VFRS.

**Follow-up question:** So it was the City. Was this supported by Council?

**Mayor Sim:** Everything has been fully supported. The encampment in the DTES is untenable and we want to deal with the situation in an empathetic way, and that's what we are going today.

### Media clippings (through to April 5, 2023 4:00 p.m.)

Headline	Source	Author	Sentiment
<a href="#">City of Vancouver plans to remove all tents on East Hastings today</a>	Daily Hive	Amir Ali	Neutral
<a href="#">Vancouver police block East Hastings to bring 'encampment to a close'</a>	City News	Charlie Carey	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver's East Hastings encampment reaches 'turning point': mayor</a>	City News	Charlie Carey	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ Hamish Ballantyne - VANDU Community Organizer: Ongoing DTES encampment sweep</a>	CKNW: The Jill Bennett Show	Jill Bennett	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ Union Gospel Mission Spokesperson, Nicole Mucci: Vancouver asks police to help end Hastings Street tent encampment</a>	CKNW: The Jill Bennett Show	Jill Bennett	Neutral
<a href="#">Interview w/ Amanda Burrows, Interim Executive Director, First United Church Community Ministry Society: Council's focus on surveillance of non-profit grantees</a>	CKNW: The Jill Bennett Show	Jill Bennett	Negative
<a href="#">'People don't want to leave': Vancouver shuts down East Hastings encampment</a>	Vancouver is Awesome	Jeremy Hainsworth, Alanna Kelly, Brendan Kergin, Mike Howell, Elana Shepert	Negative

<a href="#">COV moves ahead with clearing DTES encampment; Officials say situation is untenable</a>	City News 1130 (CKWX)	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police deployed to end tent encampment in Downtown Eastside</a>	Vancouver is Awesome Also published in the Toronto Star	Canadian Press	Negative
<a href="#">COV beings to remove DTES tent encampment</a>	CBC One 690AM/88.1FM Radio	Belle Puri	Neutral
<a href="#">Live: Vancouver removing tents on East Hastings Street today</a>	The Province Also published in the Vancouver Sun	Tiffany Crawford	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police block East Hastings Street to begin removing encampment</a>	CBC Vancouver	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police deployed to end tent encampment in Downtown Eastside</a>	The Globe and Mail Also published in the following outlets: - The Star Vancouver - CTV Vancouver News	Ashley Joannou and Nono Shen	Negative
<a href="#">Efforts underway to remove 80 tents, structures from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside: city</a>	CTV Vancouver News	Becca Clarkson	Neutral
<a href="#">City of Vancouver has moved in to clear out a stretch of East Hastings on DTES</a>	City News 1130 (CKWX)	Staff	Neutral
<a href="#">Vancouver takes down Hastings tent encampment</a>	Global News BC1	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">Dismantling East Hastings tent encampment: Vancouver staff request help from police</a>	Global News	Amy Judd	Neutral
<a href="#">City of Vancouver begins removal of Hastings Street encampment</a>	Global News	Emily Lazatin	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police aid in eviction of Hastings Street encampment</a>	Global News	Staff	Negative
<a href="#">"Welcome to Cruel Vancouver": Former mayor slams "genocidal" East Hastings plan</a>	Daily Hive	Amir Ali	Negative
<a href="#">Vancouver police begin removing East Hastings Street encampment (Ends at 27:00)</a>	CBC Radio: BC Today with Michelle Eliot	Michelle Eliot	Neutral
<a href="#">Interview w/ Mayor Ken Sim: Vancouver moves to take down Hastings street encampment (Starts at 29:14 )</a>	CKNW: The Mike Smyth Show	Mike Smyth	Neutral
<a href="#">Protestors on East Hastings Street attack Vancouver Police officers (with updates)</a>	The Indo-Canadian Voice	Staff	Negative

<a href="#">Interview w/ VANDU Community Organizer Hamish Ballantyne: Vancouver clearing the encampment (Time Stamp: 18:00 - 29:10)</a>	CKNW: The Mike Smyth Show	Mike Smyth	Negative
<a href="#">Interview w/ Sarah Blythe, Advocate for the DTES and Executive Director for the Overdose Prevention Society: Vancouver removing tents on East Hastings Street today</a>	CKNW: The Jas Johal Show	Jas Johal	Neutral
<a href="#">Vancouver manager 'couldn't commit' to shelter spaces for all evicted DTES residents</a>	Global News	Elizabeth McSheffrey	Negative

### Social coverage from notable accounts (through to April 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.)

Link	Account	Followers	Engagement	Comments
<a href="#">Link</a>	@GlobalBC	432,853	277	HAPPENING NOW: East Hastings Street is closed and city staff has requested help from the Vancouver police to remove all tents and structures from the street. <a href="https://t.co/Joh1FQKoLw">https://t.co/Joh1FQKoLw</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@GlobalBC	432,845	8	WATCH LIVE: Vancouver's mayor, police constable and fire chief are giving an update on the dismantling of the Hastings Street tent encampment. <a href="https://t.co/hXW0VapFBC">https://t.co/hXW0VapFBC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CTVVancouver	355,172	72	Dozens of tents and structures in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside are set to be removed Wednesday, as city staff and police execute plans to bring the Hasting Street encampment to an end. <a href="https://t.co/X4vv69cxTD">https://t.co/X4vv69cxTD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@cbcnewsbc	318,049	187	Police have moved into Vancouver's Downtown Eastside on Wednesday morning as the city prepares to carry out its plan to remove a street encampment from the neighbourhood. <a href="https://t.co/0VeFzrEMFX">https://t.co/0VeFzrEMFX</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,323	23	MORE: Vancouver's City Manager acknowledges there are more people seeking housing than the city has available, "that is absolutely correct." <a href="https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD">https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,311	3	Listen live for all major updates on the East Hastings decampment online and on your radio. You can hear @CityNewsVan here: <a href="https://t.co/kzatuli22T">https://t.co/kzatuli22T</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,304	35	THE LATEST: Vancouver Fire Chief says the "persistent fire risk posed by the encampments and recent fires in the neighborhood has made the situation of East Hastings Street even more precarious since the fire order went in place." <a href="https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD">https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,303	8	WATCH LIVE: Vancouver mayor, police address move to shut down East Hastings encampment <a href="https://t.co/X6yULmAYPs">https://t.co/X6yULmAYPs</a>

<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsVAN	296,298	277	#BREAKING NEWS: Vancouver police block East Hastings to bring 'encampment to a close' <a href="https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD">https://t.co/YZdJLVdNYD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@DailyHiveVan	295,405	74	City of #Vancouver plans to remove all tents on East Hastings today #vanpoli <a href="https://t.co/aE3CoR5sWc">https://t.co/aE3CoR5sWc</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverSun	286,917	54	By noon, the sidewalks on the 100-block of Hastings were mostly clear and a street cleaning truck sat at the corner of Main Street waiting to power wash what was left behind. <a href="https://t.co/PDxiH3bXnD">https://t.co/PDxiH3bXnD</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityofVancouver	255,005	128	@j_mcelroy The feed for Main and Hastings was down from approximately 9 to 9:45 am due to a staff error. We acknowledge and apologize that this was very unfortunate given today's work in the East Hastings encampment. The camera feed is now working as it s
<a href="#">Link</a>	@TransLink	216,291	5	#RiderAlert Update: R5 Hastings St to SFU detour beginning at 12:30 PM. Regular route to Hastings and Seymour, then Seymour, Cordova, Main, Hastings resume regular route due to police incident. ^MR
<a href="#">Link</a>	@TransLink	216,288	4	#RiderAlert R5 Hastings St to Burrard Station detour beginning at 8:00 AM. Regular route to Clark and Hastings, then Clark, Venables-Prior-Georgia Viaducts, Homer, Hastings, resume regular route due to demonstration. ^MR
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	196,044	19	Work is continuing throughout the encampment zone. City crews are now focused on the area of East Hastings between Columbia and Carrall Streets. Traffic remains closed.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vancouverpd	196,018	75	Chief Palmer: We take this profession seriously and it's no secret it has become increasingly challenging to keep people safe in the Downtown Eastside encampment. <a href="https://t.co/uopXPRk8v5">https://t.co/uopXPRk8v5</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	195,977	175	To ensure safety and privacy for people within the encampment, we have limited public access. Media and observers can stage at Columbia and East Hastings Street.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	195,975	98	East Hastings Street is currently closed between Main Street and Columbia. Transit has been rerouted and drivers are encouraged to avoid the area.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VancouverPD	195,975	557	We have deployed additional officers to the Downtown Eastside this morning as the City of Vancouver continues to work within the Hastings Street encampment. We will provide frequent updates here on Twitter as the work continues.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@theprovince	189,524	13	Follow our ongoing coverage as the City of Vancouver undertakes removing all 80 tents and structures in the DTES area. <a href="https://t.co/XX6zN8W3QC">https://t.co/XX6zN8W3QC</a>

<a href="#">Link</a>	@theprovince	189,519	4	LIVE: Postmedia has a team of reporters as about 140 police and city staff are removing people and tents from along a stretch of East Hastings Street. Follow our coverage: <a href="https://t.co/XX6zN8WBGa">https://t.co/XX6zN8WBGa</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CityNewsTraffic	121,872		12:43 - #VancouverBC - Collision on Hastings St. east of Victoria Dr.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CKNW	113,230	4	WATCH LIVE: Vancouver's mayor, police constable and fire chief are giving an update on the dismantling of the Hastings Street tent encampment. <a href="https://t.co/m0YAloLmn9">https://t.co/m0YAloLmn9</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CKNW	113,229	58	HAPPENING NOW: East Hastings Street is closed and city staff has requested help from the Vancouver police to remove all tents and structures from the street. <a href="https://t.co/ekVIPZOf6W">https://t.co/ekVIPZOf6W</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@timescolonist	88,985	1	'People don't want to leave': Vancouver shuts down East Hastings encampment <a href="https://t.co/haTG16dID2">https://t.co/haTG16dID2</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CTVNewsVI	78,107	1	Stakeholders in B.C.'s housing market are trying to read through the fine print after a sweeping announcement from the B.C. government. <a href="https://t.co/qlhxy5Olp9">https://t.co/qlhxy5Olp9</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CTVNewsVI	78,107		Stakeholders in B.C.'s housing market are trying to read through the fine print after a sweeping announcement from the B.C. government. <a href="https://t.co/bzo9alMHnv">https://t.co/bzo9alMHnv</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@j_mcelroy	77,872	27	You can watch the city of Vancouver's press conference on the Hastings Street encampment removal here <a href="https://t.co/VLa1wA432Q">https://t.co/VLa1wA432Q</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@j_mcelroy	77,861	2467	curious how in the middle of the clearing of the tent encampment on hasting street the hasting traffic cameras aren't working <a href="https://t.co/CGAC03oeiy">https://t.co/CGAC03oeiy</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KCTS9	76,425		The Suquamish Tribe has allocated \$15 million from the 2021 American Rescue Plan, to build affordable housing on reservation land and provide financial assistance to their citizens. <a href="https://t.co/tXXFSDAjSP">https://t.co/tXXFSDAjSP</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AM730Traffic	76,407	1	#Vancouver - A police incident has Hastings St closed between Main St & Abbott St ^jj <a href="https://t.co/OZlIx71XVN">https://t.co/OZlIx71XVN</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@CHEK_News	56,248		Vancouver police deployed to end tent encampment in Downtown Eastside <a href="https://t.co/yJ4bWPpF6g">https://t.co/yJ4bWPpF6g</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@BradPorcellato	36,404	8	The #Vancouver Police didn't close the East Hastings encampment; they simply breached the offenders out of the area. They will soon be welcomed in #NewWest, Surrey and Maple Ridge. I appreciate the effort, but those folks need incarceration, not a free ride to the suburbs.

<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,084	59	Holdout tents trashed. City workers shoveling up remaining bits. Police officers slowly advancing. Amazing Grace on bagpipes, drumming, smudging, chants. Asked a guy in path what he's gonna do when crews, 15 feet away, get here. "I hadn't really thought of that."
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,082	22	Police have now formed a line and are directing the crowd to move back (east) along Hastings, away from the holdout tents and city trucks. Behind them, city workers hosing down the street in front of the Pennsylvania Hotel <a href="https://t.co/K8LCUBWcAO">https://t.co/K8LCUBWcAO</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,082	53	Tensions flaring, crowd growing near some of the holdout tents. Crowd also blocking path of city worker trucks <a href="https://t.co/WDozfw5SoU">https://t.co/WDozfw5SoU</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,070	9	With Main/Hastings generally cleared, operation now moving in from Carrall. Few people blocking row of city trucks trying to move in <a href="https://t.co/viIqJoVB7v">https://t.co/viIqJoVB7v</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,067	33	.@ChristaDao: So goal is to remove structures but you just said not enough shelter/housing space for ppl, so... ? Mochrie: Not looking for them to be gone. We realize these are residents of Vancouver. They're going to be in Vancouver... Public safety, structures have to be gone
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,066	2	Mochrie asked about deplorable SRO conditions. "SRO housing stock in Vancouver a very important housing asset.. much of that housing stock very old, constructed for diff purpose, in need of sig reinvestment /redevelopment. Expensive long-term challenge city can't resolve on own
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	19	City manager asked why traffic cam at Main and Hastings has been shut off. Paul Mochrie says "inadvertent technical error" on part of staff. Says it's now back online.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	2	.@VanFireRescue Chief @Karen_Fry: Since fire chief's order to clear encampment last July, some improvements but overall worse. 1,600 propane tanks have been removed, local businesses damaged. This year alone, 16 tent fires in the area and four injuries to ppl living in tents <a href="https://t.co/LKqvMbqrFJ">https://t.co/LKqvMbqrFJ</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	63	"We need to restore Hastings as a street that is safe and welcoming to everyone... the days ahead will be challenging, but I know that if we work through this together, we will see a better and safer and more prosperous DTES for everyone." - Mayor @KenSimCity <a href="https://t.co/BLeV1xlauG">https://t.co/BLeV1xlauG</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,065	34	City workers steadily disposing of structures, entire tents going into garbage trucks. Residents were given large city garbage bins yesterday to store belongings in; bunch of those around. Dozens of police officers, handful of ppl quietly protesting and holding up signs <a href="https://t.co/kVzGq80F6N">https://t.co/kVzGq80F6N</a>



<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,064	21	"The DTES encampment is fraught with serious crime, violence and dangerous weapons, which have proliferated in this neighbourhood. hood.. More than 2x day person in encampment is assaulted, 19 officers assaulted in encampment..." @VancouverPD @ChiefPalmer <a href="https://t.co/syu5SBdAy4">https://t.co/syu5SBdAy4</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@andreawoo	32,063	28	On Hastings now. <a href="https://t.co/3vFcfTYZmM">https://t.co/3vFcfTYZmM</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AndreaWoo	32,060	255	The city of Vancouver's escalation of the clearing of the Hastings Street encampment has begun. Police have shut down a stretch of Hastings, dozens of police officers on site. Mayor and reps from fire, city, police to speak at 10:30 a.m.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	1	Palmer: I strongly support the city of Vancouver's decision to bring the encampment to an end. We're here to keep the peace and maintain orders. Our job is to provide a safe space for city workers to do their job.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	1	Vancouver police chief Adam Palmer: "It has becoming increasingly challenging to keep people safe in the Downtown Eastside." Talks about crime and assaults in the DTES. Nineteen police officers assaulted within the encampment. Almost 20 per cent increase in arsons.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	2	Fry: This year alone, 16 tent fires, four injuries among people living in tents, businesses damaged. Fires are occurring more regularly ... it is untenable and it is unsafe.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	4	Sim: "The days ahead will be challenging but if we work through this together, we will see a better and more prosperous Downtown Eastside for everyone."
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	4	Sim: "Listen, we need to restore Hastings as a street that is safe and welcoming for everyone. The challenges ... will not be solved overnight." Thanks Kahlon and Eby for their willingness to take a bold step and take a greater role in leadership (in the DTES)
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	1	Sim: My team made the decision to request help from the Vancouver police to bring the encampment to a close.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	5	Sim: Those remaining in tents are refusing to move. Talks about stories re theft, violence, violence against Indigenous women, fires among the tents. "Large, entrenched encampments is not a viable model."
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	2	Mayor Ken Sim: Starts by talking about fire chief's order last July to clear structures. Said city teams been working every day to get people to move, work done "with respect," removed more than 600 tents and structures
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,263	27	At city hall, awaiting mayor, fire chief et al re clearing tents from East Hastings <a href="https://t.co/IMqc37PkiF">https://t.co/IMqc37PkiF</a>

<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Sim: "Think will see improvements on the housing front sooner rather than later." And talks about provincial co-operation with bringing new stuff on.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: Have been a lot of voluntary departures from Hastings. Over 250 have left to move into shelter or housing. The people there now are much less inclined to co-operate. We're not seeing any voluntary compliance and we need to end this.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: We've made every possible effort to provide options for people who are there. The vast majority of people in Vancouver who are unsheltered are not on Hastings Street. We're not solving homelessness today. We're dealing with a serious public-safety issue.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	2	Mochrie: We're not looking for people to be gone. But safety risks on Hastings are so severe that those structures have to be gone. "Our staff are doing everything they can to help them pack their belongings." Working to connect them to shelter/housing options.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Q: How do you ensure that this all doesn't just re-appear somewhere else Mochrie: Problem is camp got so big and entrenched. There is a significant amount of housing coming onstream. We have 1,300 people in shelters also waiting for housing.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: What's different today -- an effort to remove the remainder of the encampment. A continuation of the work we've done, but to bring it to an end.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	I've asked about numbers on shelter spaces and new housing coming on. Mochrie: Shelter availability fluctuates. Around 300 units coming along in next few months.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	22	Mochrie: Acknowledges there is not enough housing, that some people will continue to have to shelter outside.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	9	Q: Keep hearing that there is no housing. Where supposed to go Mochrie: Have encouraged people to go to shelters to connect to services. Going to continue to work with everyone there who is interested in coming inside. But this encampment is clearly unsafe.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	5	Now questions from media: City cameras have been turned off, only one media camera allowed. You said you wanted transparency? Mochrie: Was an inadvertent technical error where Main and Hastings camera disabled, that was a mistake. That camera is now online.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	1	Mochrie: We do know there are individuals on the street who have declined housing. Shelters provide a critical opportunity for people to connect with services.

<a href="#">Link</a>	@fabulavancouver	26,262	26	Vancouver announces it is clearing out East Hastings. People on the ground tell me media being kept out of key blocks? Confirm? <a href="https://t.co/godhA20MSj">https://t.co/godhA20MSj</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@MikeSmythNews	25,539	16	We have live coverage right now of the Vancouver police operation to remove tents and structures from Hastings Street. The street is blocked off as police move in to remove the encampment. @CKNW AM-980 on your radio. Stream live at <a href="https://t.co/GCfuw0QuWS">https://t.co/GCfuw0QuWS</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@irplawyer	24,136		@GregTearle88 Is there any evidence that shows that incident was connected to the encampment? I haven't seen any.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,326	3	"We're not solving homelessness here today" Mochrie says most people have left voluntarily but those left now have refused multiple offers of housing and "we do need to bring this to an end" and trying to be respectful and non-confrontational
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,326	7	Mochrie again, saying they don't expect people to leave but their tents do have to be removed They accept people will move elsewhere in the city but he keeps emphasizing the long term plan is housing Outreach staff have been on street since august making "every possible effort"
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,326	5	He says they can't just prioritize housing for people on Hastings when there are homeless everywhere in city Vancouver has 75% of shelters & supportive housing in region but 25% of population Mochrie says not spaces for everyone but doesn't think they'll all accept it
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,323	9	I asked about people just getting displaced to other parts of the city because there's not enough housing and they expect that'll happen When I asked about the city's role in SRO inspections and conditions, Mochrie acknowledged they're "bad" and old and province needs to help fix
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,323	1	Mochrie says police presence about safety and they'd rather not need them there "Highly unstable and unsafe" situation at encampment
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,322	2	He says vancouver is shouldering more of the burden to care for homeless than other cities in the region "Shelters are not a substitute for permanently housing" but Mochrie insists they're safer and connect people w services Questions starting now
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,322	5	City manager says more than 600 tents removed and dozens have accepted housing offers to leave He says city had taken a "people first approach" and acknowledged day to day challenges, hardship to move from shelter to shelter Paul Mochrie insists steps are about safety

<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,321	4	He says the VPD is there to help people who fall through the cracks and are victimized He says at least 2 assaults a day in the encampment, 19 police assaulted there 67% increase in robberies but he doesn't cite time frame Now reiterating Atira stats on violence against women
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,321	6	He's now talking about fire risk and that the encampment is "not a viable model" and is raising risk of loss of life and homes. Sim says this didn't happen overnight and won't be solved overnight but calls this a step in the right direction.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PennyDaflos	22,321	70	A press conference is getting underway right now with Vancouver's mayor, fire and police chiefs about the decampment of the DTES I'll be tweeting updates here, more on Hastings action here: <a href="https://t.co/bJJCZgimlvB">https://t.co/bJJCZgimlvB</a> #vanpoli #bcpoli @CTVVancouver <a href="https://t.co/IsOS0yWtOWA">https://t.co/IsOS0yWtOWA</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KennedyStewart	21,245	251	On October 15, 2022, 85,732 of you voted to elect a new mayor and council who today abandoned our attempts to reconcile with Indigenous people and resume traditional genocidal practices. Welcome to Cruel Vancouver. #Vanpoli #UNDRIP
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pivotlegal	19,635	35	Call out for support! Please note emphasis on NOT ESCALATING THE SITUATION. Supporters are being called on to hold space for unhoused folks. Location: Hastings & Columbia <a href="https://t.co/pDLy1RaunW">https://t.co/pDLy1RaunW</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KelownaNow	19,207		There have been several recent fires at the camp, and the city says Vancouver police have reported a nine per cent increase in assaults in the area since the encampment began. <a href="https://t.co/KMdiDOAfC6">https://t.co/KMdiDOAfC6</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@City604Van	18,412	24	@EmilyLazatin @jillreports @GlobalBC Hey @VPDTrafficUnit TY for ending the tent encampment. Many citizens are proud of the work that #VPD is doing to keep our city safe EVERY Day Their/Our Safety is Paramount #Vancouver #Police @VanPoliceBoard @KenSimCity
<a href="#">Link</a>	@City604Van	18,411	3	@EmilyLazatin @jillreports @GlobalBC @VPDTrafficUnit @VanPoliceBoard @KenSimCity Over 400 times the #Vancouver #FireDept attended the tent encampment on #Hastings St. in the last 8 months. 1st responders, citizens & staff all facing violence, +several sta
<a href="#">Link</a>	@AlexisDVyne	17,589	1	@AndreaWoo @KenSimCity That's bull! They have developers itching to gentrify the area! This is 100% about kicking out the homeless to make way for more condos! The developers own the mayor! Zero plans to relocate people to housing just a plan to clear it
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JenStDen	14,124	73	A couple more photos of Hastings between Carrall and Columbia. I couldn't get information about whether the decampment/police crews would start on this block next. <a href="https://t.co/fE1HTddo6w">https://t.co/fE1HTddo6w</a>

<a href="#">Link</a>	@JenStDen	14,123	74	I spoke to Isaac, the man sitting on the car seat in the street. He was there to observe the situation: he said he has mixed feelings about the decampment, because he's supported people who live in tents on Hastings but has also seen people victimized in the encampment. <a href="https://t.co/DEi44IFR7I">https://t.co/DEi44IFR7I</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@jensteden	14,116	52	Just outside the decampment zone, people are now throwing belongings and tents onto Hastings <a href="https://t.co/KRXBaW4wq3">https://t.co/KRXBaW4wq3</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JenStDen	14,112	213	Police have closed off Hastings from Carrall to Main to clear tents from the sidewalk #dtes <a href="https://t.co/wAA6pbcji4">https://t.co/wAA6pbcji4</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@iamkennethchan	13,652	2	At the Vancouver Real Estate Forum: In his pre-recorded remarks, BC minister of housing Ravi Kahlon makes it clear he is glad Vancouver City Council quashed its "Pace of Change" policy for the Broadway Plan. #vanpoli #vanre <a href="https://t.co/BeJMQTedRs">https://t.co/BeJMQTedRs</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@iamkennethchan	13,652	287	JUST IN... Today, City of Vancouver crews will be moving in on the Hastings Street encampment, with the assistance of the VPD, to remove ALL remaining tents and structures -- about 80. Campers are being encouraged to accept shelter offers. #DTES #vanpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@iamkennethchan	13,651	3	At the BC Real Estate Forum: In his pre-recorded remarks, BC minister of housing Ravi Kahlon makes it clear he is glad Vancouver City Council quashed its "Pace of Change" policy for the Broadway Plan. #vanpoli #vanre <a href="https://t.co/v9LTF0X0dk">https://t.co/v9LTF0X0dk</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@KenSimCity	12,800	900	To ensure the life and safety of all residents and the surrounding community, the decision has been made to bring the East Hastings encampment to a close today. Shelter space is available to those currently residing on Hastings St. As we move forward, we will continue to work... <a href="https://t.co/N1UyrOdwPU">https://t.co/N1UyrOdwPU</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@bobmackin	11,198	55	Vancouver traffic camera at Main and Hastings, looking west, appears to show police on-scene with a temporary street closure as efforts continue to end the #DTES sidewalk tent city. #vanpoli #bcpoli <a href="https://t.co/Qtmjr7Z5BN">https://t.co/Qtmjr7Z5BN</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@InsiteVan	11,062	18	#dtes Vpd now clearing the 000 block e Hastings #vanpoli <a href="https://t.co/AXqgT64QLS">https://t.co/AXqgT64QLS</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,640	54	VPD has produced a speaker, likely to tell supporters to dissipate. We say again: There is no housing. There are no emergency shelter spaces. This is banishment. <a href="https://t.co/PpSdW1xaid">https://t.co/PpSdW1xaid</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pacesociety	10,632	21	Local military are set up on roof tops taking pictures on Hastings today. #vanpoli #stopthesweeps
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vandupeople	10,590	42	Decampment has moved to Hastings and Carrall. <a href="https://t.co/sbleXczYi3">https://t.co/sbleXczYi3</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,561	81	Councillor Pete Fry is here. Residents demanding answers as to why there is no housing being offered. <a href="https://t.co/8mb5dSOKpn">https://t.co/8mb5dSOKpn</a>

<a href="#">Link</a>	@vandupeople	10,541	116	Resident Sandra speaks: "I've lived here for 7 years. I don't feel safe anywhere but the Downtown Eastside." <a href="https://t.co/SvXuIX0Hmt">https://t.co/SvXuIX0Hmt</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@vandupeople	10,541	155	Residents, supporters, and VANDU members are gathering at Hastings and Columbia. Residents to VPD: "We live here, you only work here." <a href="https://t.co/JWZBNQ9i5T">https://t.co/JWZBNQ9i5T</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,504	103	Chris Livingstone, former WAHRS board member, VANDU leader, and COPE candidate for Park Board is turned away from Hastings along with other DTES residents. "The block is closed." <a href="https://t.co/3ckVCX0TAm">https://t.co/3ckVCX0TAm</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,502	130	MEDIA ADVISORY April 5th, 2023: The #StopTheSweeps Coalition is holding an emergency press conference at the intersection of Hastings and Columbia at 10:45am. Residents and organizers will be present for comment. <a href="https://t.co/8YoLZmFdLM">https://t.co/8YoLZmFdLM</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,482	271	Premier @Dave_Eby is at the UBCM Housing Summit in downtown Vancouver. Why doesn't David Eby come and speak to the residents of the Hastings Tent City who have nowhere to go?
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,467	547	There are now approx. 100 constables on Hastings. @VancouverPD are creating an 'exclusion zone' barring community & legal observers from entering, waiting for @CityofVancouver to arrive. This paramilitary tactic was used against Wet'suwet'en land defenders & at Fairy Creek. <a href="https://t.co/en4UEE06St">https://t.co/en4UEE06St</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@VANDUpeople	10,466	1131	BREAKING: @VancouverPD have descended upon East Hastings Street to enclose the community and begin decampment. Police vans are blocking the street from Main to Columbia. Approximately 50 constables on the ground. <a href="https://t.co/c5WdQu7cFC">https://t.co/c5WdQu7cFC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@MikePHager	8,975	20	Dozens of @VancouverPD officers blocking off traffic on unit block of East Hastings Street as tents are cleared from the heart of #Vancouver's #DTES. #vanpoli #VanRE <a href="https://t.co/xs8UYLfUqA">https://t.co/xs8UYLfUqA</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@Lidsville	7,772	19	@KahlonRav Meanwhile, can you confirm this @KahlonRav? You're the Minister of Housing - are you OK with this? <a href="https://t.co/zjE1oXwp8V">https://t.co/zjE1oXwp8V</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@Lidsville	7,772	3	@JennXForests @KahlonRav The shelters aren't safe in a number of ways. Meanwhile the province is also trying to coerce people into them by making social housing inaccessible to you if you're not in a shelter first - despite the dangers and bedbugs.
<a href="#">Link</a>	@lidsville	7,772	114	Where the hell are all those living on the street in the Downtown Eastside supposed to go exactly? There aren't even enough shelter spots to house them all, which the Sim govt - both authoritarian & incompetent - didn't even bother to address. Comment @KahlonRav? #vanpoli #bcpoli

<a href="#">Link</a>	@TrafficVancity	7,749		Vancouver - bothways Hastings St between Columbia St and Main St police activity
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PGCitizen	7,678		The city says it has requested support from police to bring the East Hastings encampment to a close "following a steady deterioration in public safety and an increase in fires in the area and the encampment zone." <a href="https://t.co/aRdbesFVuL">https://t.co/aRdbesFVuL</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@PGCitizen	7,677		"BC Housing is wanting to be responsive to the changes that we're seeing with the folks we serve and the communities that we serve as well." <a href="https://t.co/z7EUBUQ9vR">https://t.co/z7EUBUQ9vR</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@JeanSwanson_	7,461	26	Vpd and city set to move Hastings st campers to nowhere. Meanwhile folks being evicted from 98 units of good housing with bathrooms kitchenettes and I think AC. #vanpoli #bcpoli I bet campers would love to move in there. City needs to find site for these modules asap
<a href="#">Link</a>	@REBGV	7,394	1	Check out these market highlights for the Metro Vancouver housing market in March. For the March monthly market report, visit <a href="https://t.co/d68ALJnJd6">https://t.co/d68ALJnJd6</a> #REBGV #vanre #marketupdate <a href="https://t.co/BzvjN2dJzx">https://t.co/BzvjN2dJzx</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@EmilyLazatin	7,120	70	Vancouver city crews/police have moved into the #DTES —blocking a stretch of Hastings. Mayor @KenSimCity says the city has reached a turning point where the risk of fire and violence in the encampment can no longer be tolerated. Watch @GlobalBC at noon and BC1 for the latest <a href="https://t.co/1KPTFoLGuh">https://t.co/1KPTFoLGuh</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@EmilyLazatin	7,097	799	Vancouver #DTES being cleared right now. Those one the streets are stuffing as much as they can into bins—I've seen tents and belongings thrown into garbage trucks—advocates calling it cruel and inhumane. No clashing so far. @GlobalBC <a href="https://t.co/F7MCdH2Zp8">https://t.co/F7MCdH2Zp8</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@EmilyLazatin	7,096	199	Happening now. Vancouver City crews and police moving in to clear tents and structures on east hastings — between Columbia and Main and working through blk by blk. Full decampment. @GlobalBC <a href="https://t.co/f1C5QmmFSC">https://t.co/f1C5QmmFSC</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,013	15	"We see most of these fires in SRO's not in tents, & been blamed on people in tents. Have been trainings by @VANDUpeople on dealing with fires in tents & we gave fire extinguishers Then city cut funding for both" @VANDUpeople's Hamish Ballantine on CKNW 12:20-8 #vanpoli #DTES
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,013	2	@whiten0iz it's just gaslighting & pretending we care optics. Hope reporters covering Ken Sim and ABC's eviction of the homeless people camping together for safety in DTES b/c #bcndp refuse to provide housing, do fact check Sim's claims of shelter space &

<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,011	14	Because a while back @sqwabb was talking about the Ken Sim/David Eby gaslighting shell game of supportive housing for #homeless people Announcement of X many new ones, but not mentioning the REMOVAL /expiry of other sup'd housing. #vanpoli #vanRE #bcpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,011	42	I encourage Vancouverites & media to listen to @MikeSmythNews interview with @VANDUpeople's Hamish Ballantine fact checking ABC's Mayor @KenSimCity claims about real housing capacity for the homeless people he's evicting from #DTES Hope reporters interview @sqwabb too #vanpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@pqpolitics	7,010	1	Listen to city press conference live on mayor Ken Sim's Hastings street #DTES sweep out homeless people now doing Q and A. Don't know if there is a live video stream <a href="https://t.co/uehOzHBstX">https://t.co/uehOzHBstX</a> #vanpoli
<a href="#">Link</a>	@DawnRoseTurner	6,832	15	"There are clear #HumanRights standards for what constitutes adequate #housing. These standards are overwhelmingly not being met by the city & the province..." @bccla, @pivotlegal allege violations occurring in #DTES   @globalnews #EVERY1DeservesAHome <a href="https://t.co/upLogKRCTt">https://t.co/upLogKRCTt</a>
<a href="#">Link</a>	@haroldmunro	6,272	1	Vancouver removing tents on East Hastings Street starting today <a href="https://t.co/dmvMHuXvZP">https://t.co/dmvMHuXvZP</a> via @VancouverSun
<a href="#">Link</a>	@Poisonflats	6,140	5	@patriot_vi @culture_myth they said they are offered housing, so there is some sort of plan. but for all of them? Perhaps not.
<a href="#">Link</a>	Simonplittle	6,594	543	The City of Vancouver is blaming a "very unfortunate" "staff error" for traffic cameras going down just as police and city crews begin evicting homeless campers from East Hastings Street.
<a href="#">Link</a>	EnglishBarge	4,807	8	#BREAKING WHITE ACADEMIC EMERGES FROM HIS IVORY TOWER TO SAY LET THE INDIGENOUS PPL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN TENTS AND DTES SQUALOR YOU RACIST PRICK KENNEDY STEWART !!! #LANDBACK
<a href="#">Link</a>	Bkergin	1,652	1,078	Things are getting a little more heated; someone just used a fire extinguisher #DTES

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