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Mayor and Council,

This is to update you that just before 7:00 pm this evening, VPD and City staff re-opened incident site on E 43rd Ave between Fraser St and St George St to the public.

It's difficult to know where to start, so I'll start by providing my deep appreciation for all of the various teams who took such care of this site since the incident. As you know already, VPD officers undertook extensive work to collect evidence to support their investigation. The personal belongings VPD officers collected are catalogued and cared for with – as we understand it – the intention to return belongings to families when and as feasible. Once VPD investigation team was complete, our Engineering Services Sanitation team stepped in. Sanitation team members went through the site and collected the remaining personal belongings as feasible, catalogued them, and provided these items to VPD to be returned to families when repatriation of belongings begin. Then, our Engineering colleagues started their work to return food trucks to owners and clean the site, with a focus on remediating the site for return to the public as soon as possible. They completed that work just before 2:00 pm this afternoon.

We held off on re-opening the site this afternoon so we could provide the families of deceased victims with private time at the site to visit where they lost their loved ones. From 4:00 through 6:00 pm, the VPD Victims Services team escorted 5 of the 8 families who lost loved ones into the site and provided a very personal and quiet moment to grieve. The VPD Chaplain was there to offer prayer for each of the victims. I won't go into detail but do want to say how deeply moving it was to hear about how care-filled this moment provided by VPD for the families was. After this, we re-opened the street for public use.

It has been a heavy few days for so many of our staff teams as they have mobilized to respond to the incident, support the community, support the families, and support each other, including VPD, VFRS, Park Board, Engineering, ACCS, Communications, CPS, and VEMA. For this note about the re-opening of the incident site, however, I especially want to recognize our Engineering Services colleagues for taking such good care of the incident site and our VPD colleagues for the thoughtful care they put into creating a private and personal moment for the families of the victims before the street was returned to daily use.

Thank you,

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