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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council"

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Subject: Granville Bridge - debris thrown off bridge onto structures below

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Good morning Mayor and Council,

It has been brought to the attention of the City through partners that during the early hours of Wednesday morning, an individual entered a construction area on the deck of the Granville Street Bridge. The individual removed construction materials from the bridge deck and threw them over the side of the bridge on both the north and south side of the bridge.

These large materials caused damage upon impact with Granville Island, resulting in damage to several structures, including the Keg restaurant. A photo of that damage is attached below.

Damage was also done on the north end of the bridge but current reports indicate less damage than over Granville Island. We understand at this time that the material on Granville Island is from the bridge construction site. No injuries have been reported.

The incident was reported to VPD who attended and secured the site this morning, ensuring it was safe for pedestrians and motorists. They have also indicated that a suspect has been arrested.

Safety is the City's top priority and we take this incident very seriously. To this end, we will be working with law enforcement authorities and partners to conduct a comprehensive investigation into this matter.\u8239

Since the February 2024 incident, where smaller construction debris in addition to fencing panels were thrown over the bridge damaging Granville island, the contractor instituted a daily end of shift 'walk about' to remove and/or secure loose material to prevent future incidents.

City staff involved with Granville Bridge are following up this morning with both Granville Island and the contractor (Pomerleau) for more information and any future efforts needed. We understand the contractor is also contacting the Keg head office directly to secure the damaged roof, clean the debris from the inside of the Keg and make arrangements to repair/replace the damaged areas.

At this point, the scene is still held by VPD. Pomerleau is aware of the additional damage elsewhere and is currently conducting a full sweep of the areas beside the bridge.

Please let me or Lon know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Best,  
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