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Subject: Update: Temporary Memorials - Planning to Consolidate and Manage

Hello Mayor and Council,

Further to the update sent last week regarding work to start to consolidate the temporary memorials around the April 26 incident site, please note that plans have shifted to implement a phased approach to this work.

Update

- Starting tomorrow, Engineering Services staff supported by ACCS, Communications, and VPD and in coordination with VSB will be working to consolidate the many temporary memorials around the April 26th incident site to two locations: (1) 43rd and Fraser and (2) Mountain View Cemetery.
- Victims families were notified last week by VPD Victims Services Liaison Officers of the plans to consolidate the sites and the reasons.
- The temporary memorial work will happen in two phases over Thursday (tomorrow) and Friday
 - Thursday, May 22:
 - Given the sensitivity of 43rd Ave, staff will focus work along 41st Ave
 - VLOs will reconnect with victims' families to ensure understanding of the plans for 43rd Ave and offer connection to City staff if there are any questions they wish to discuss with City staff.
 - Friday, May 23:
 - Staff will work along 43rd Ave
- This work is difficult and will be done with sensitivity by City Engineering Services staff, supported by VPD, ACCS, and Communications:
 - Items including cards, signs and teddy bears will be moved to Mountain View Cemetery or stored off-site
 - Fresh flowers will be moved to 43rd Ave and Fraser St
 - Items that are perishable and have dried or wilted will be gently removed and composted.
 - Items that may present a safety risk will be safely recycled or disposed.
- Staff are trying to balance the need for respectful spaces for remembrance, for the local neighbours to have a potential to heal, and for safe and accessible streets and sidewalks.
 - The planning for this work has been done in consultation with VPD Victim Services, who are in daily contact with the families of victims, with the support of the Vancouver School Board, and in communication with cultural organizations and other partners.
 - Given the very difficult and sensitive circumstances, this is a very challenging balance to achieve and despite the careful and thoughtful planning, some people will still be dissatisfied with the approach.

Potential key points

- To support respectful spaces for remembrance, the local neighbourhood's path to healing, and safe and accessible streets and sidewalks, the City is taking steps over the coming days to begin a careful, phased consolidation of the many temporary memorials near Fraser St to two locations: one at 43rd Ave and Fraser near the incident site and one new site at Mountain View Cemetery.
- This work will begin on May 22 on 41st Ave and will proceed to 43rd Ave after further discussion with the victims' families as feasible.
- This work is difficult and will be done with sensitivity by City workers.
- We thank the public for their ongoing respect, compassion, and care while this sensitive work is underway.

Thank you,

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