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**Subject:** E Hastings and Vernon Drive - Final Update  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Below you'll find a final update on today's fire at East Hastings and Vernon Drive.

Thanks,

Karen

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm/Musqueam, Sḵwx̱ú7mesh/Squamish and səlilwətaɬ/Tsleil-Waututh nations

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2025 3:20:19 PM  
**To:** VFRS Duty Chiefs  
**Cc:** VFRS Acting Assistant Chief 1C  
**Subject:** Re: Working Fire - E Hastings and Vernon Drive

Fourth update:

- Correct address is 1172 E Hastings
- Crews gained significant ground on extinguishment following the collapse.

- Fire mostly contained with the exception of some hot spots.
- Fortis requested to return to the scene to verify gas has been shut off at the appropriate location for the demo as per Saul Schweb
- Demo crew is on route as per DC Connelly
- Smoke has cleared significantly
- VEMA will be cancelling the smoke advisory shortly.
- No firefighter or civilian injuries to report.
- 1190 E Hastings was evacuated initially due to heavy smoke in the area.
- Crews providing Positive pressure ventilation to remove any residual smoke from 1190 E Hastings.
- One patient from 1190 E Hastings being assessed by BCAS for an unrelated matter to fire.
- A/AC Abrams organized re fuelling of the apparatus with Fleet.
- Nourishment has arrived and crews are rehabbing.
- A/AC Abrams will be releasing a few apparatus after they have had a chance to eat.
- Will retain and Engine and Ladder on scene to hit hot spots while awaiting the demo crew.
- Will bring in Tower 7 to assist with systematically cooling and looking for any victims while demo taking place.

Thank you,

***Gord Sidhu***

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