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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the note below from VFRS Assistant Chief Sidhu concerning a fire at East Hastings and Vernon Drive this morning.

Thanks,

Karen

From: Sidhu, Gord <gord.sidhu@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Weeks, Robert <robert.weeks@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Notification

At approximately 10 am this morning our crews were dispatched to E Hastings and Vernon Dr to heavy smoke from a 3 story building.

Upon arrival our crews noticed that this was an abandoned building with all windows and doors boarded up. The building was heavily involved in fire.

Our crews took a defensive position which entails attacking the fire with hose lines from outside with no entry being made for safety reasons.

Currently we have many resources on scene attacking this fire from all sides. There is heavy smoke in the area as this is a deep seated fire. VEMA has been made aware and are in the process of sending out an Alertable advisory for heavy smoke in the area.

On duty Chief has made the determination that we will not be attending routine medical calls at this time to maintain our resources. BCAS has been notified through our dispatch. If progress on the fire is not made and more resource are needed we will downgrade the number of apparatus we send to alarm calls to maintain capacity.

Thank you,

Gord Sidhu

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