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Hello Mayor and Council

Metro Vancouver has just issued an Air Quality Warning expected to last for a couple of days or until a change of weather. The poor air quality is primarily driven by particulate matter from wildfires in BC and the USA. This warning triggers steps to protect and support the public as well as our City workers.

As per our *Extreme Heat and Air Quality Incident Response Guide (IGR)*, public-facing actions include activating cleaner air spaces at our community centres and libraries, and pushing out messaging to inform the public of supports available.

For our City workers, internal notifications are being sent to ensure staff are kept indoors and if emergency work is required, extra precautions are required as per our standard:  [wildfire-smoke-standard.pdf](#)

Live status of the air quality is available on Metro Vancouver's [AirMap](#) tool. Please note that levels may fluctuate throughout the day, so there may be brief periods of time where the air quality seems to have improved even though the overall quality is poor.

Thank you,

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