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Hello Commissioners,

Please find below this week's update regarding the work of the City and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation in responding to the encampment in Strathcona Park.

Work in the park

- Remediation of the west side of the park continues and teams are seeing positive results.
- Park Board staff have been responding to questions from residents following the first of a series of community meetings on March 2. Staff are in the process of planning the next meeting, where they will continue listening to targeted groups in the neighbourhood on topics like program activations, stewardship and planning.
- Staff from the City and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are working together to finalize a plan for managing space on the east side of the park.
- Vancouver Coastal Health has confirmed that there has not been a shigella outbreak in the encampment and staff are working with VCH and PHS to provide additional hygiene supports, assistance and messaging to reduce the risk of any gastro-intestinal illness among people living in the park.

RV enforcement

- Next week, the Parking Enforcement team will be issuing an Initial Warning Notice to RV owners who are parked on the streets surrounding the park and have uninsured vehicles or are parked in contravention of by-laws. These spaces will be needed for decampment logistics (movers, sanitation trucks, etc.). Vehicle owners will be encouraged to engage with the City's Outreach team or take the necessary steps to comply with the by-laws. To note, this is part of a larger City-wide parking enforcement campaign.

Accommodation options

- City staff are continuing to work with BC Housing to secure and activate indoor spaces, including renovations that are underway on two new shelters.

Regards,

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