

Strathcona Park Neighbours: Update seven

April 9, 2021

We recognize that it has been a difficult time for the neighbourhood and we want to thank you for your patience. This week, the [Province announced an MOU with the City and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation](#) which formalizes our commitment to work together to bring the Strathcona encampment to a close and help prevent similar encampments in the future.

GM order update

- Today, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation issued a General Manager's Order stating that all existing tents, temporary shelters, and structures must be removed from Strathcona Park by April 30, 2021. This order is a necessary next step to allow us to end the encampment in the park and return the park to community use.
- The City and BC Housing are working together to prepare additional spaces and offer people accommodation that matches their needs, as more spaces become available over the following weeks.
- Once people have moved from the park into accommodation, staff from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will erect a fence barrier to temporarily close off the area, assess the condition of the park and develop remediation plan

Accommodation options

- BC Housing announced the [purchase of six properties](#) last week. These properties will provide approximately 340 units of accommodation, create additional capacity within Vancouver's overall supportive housing stock and support the relocation of people from the Strathcona encampment.
- There are currently a significant number of available spaces that people can begin moving into and City staff continue to work closely with BC Housing to facilitate the activation of additional locations, including the ongoing renovations to create new shelters at 875 Terminal and 15-27 West Hastings.
- The City's Outreach Team will be intensifying work in the park next week, engaging with people to update or renew understanding of their needs and support housing referral recommendations to BC Housing.

Park access

- The west side of the park is open and accessible, and staff are focused on preparations for remediation on the northeast side of the park.

Update on RVs

- Final warning notices were distributed by Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) last week. Engineering staff will be cleaning and blocking off space as vehicles are vacated from Raymur Street so that the curb lane is available for services to support the closure of the encampment.
- Outreach staff continue to work with RV owners to connect them with services or housing options, ahead of next week when ticketing and towing of vehicles will begin.



The City, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and BC Housing remain committed to updating you regularly regarding our work in the park. Prior to our next update, if you have any questions, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please email homelessness@vancouver.ca.

