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Dear Sarah –

Thank you and the whole North Park Neighbourhood Association for your ongoing care and dedication to our unsheltered neighbours and for raising your voices for the community.

I wanted to share an update, which, by this point, many of you have likely already heard.

BC Housing and the GSL Group are in discussion on the use Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre as a temporary shelter, but no firm decisions have been made at this time.

Second, and in the mean time, folks will be moving to the parking lot at Royal Athletic Park tomorrow, higher and drier ground, with the support of the Coalition to End Homelessness. Tonight, the Fire Department, BC Housing, and others have been providing additional tents and bedding and cots - I know many of you were involved in getting this to people in the park today. Thank you.

We know there is more work to do in the short and long term – land purchased for modular housing on Yates and Meares street will make a difference and in the mean time, I am very glad the conversation re: SOFMA is underway. Secure, safe, and warm accommodation is critical. Please continue to keep me posted where you think it would be helpful and I will do the same.

All the best,

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