



City of Langford

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Hello,

On the direction of Mayor Young, I am happy to provide the following information regarding the homeless protest currently taking place at Goldstream Provincial Park Campground.

The City is taking this issue very seriously, will uphold the rule of law, and, as of Wednesday, September 19th, is taking the following steps to ensure that safety and security is maintained in Langford and your neighbourhood:

- The City's security patrol is conducting repeat patrols across Langford throughout the evening, with a particular emphasis on the neighbourhood surrounding Goldstream Provincial Park Campground;
- The City has adjusted the hours of its bylaw enforcement and bike patrol staff to ensure late afternoon, evening, and early morning coverage;
- The City is enhancing its Bylaw Enforcement staff to provide additional safety and security for our community; and
- The City will continue to liaise with the West Shore RCMP detachment to ensure a coordinated response.

In addition to these steps, I would ask that you continue to be vigilant. If you see a matter of concern, please call the City's Bylaw Enforcement duty mobile phone at **250-857-0400** or call the RCMP non-emergency line at **250-474-2264**. Obviously, if the matter is an emergency or if you are witnessing any criminal activity, please call 911.

More broadly, it is important to remember that homelessness is a Provincial issue and that Goldstream Provincial Park Campground is provincial jurisdiction. In fact, it was a non-profit supported by the provincial government that paid for the homeless protest to relocate to Goldstream Provincial Park Campground without any consultation with the City or the RCMP. With this in mind, please feel free to raise your concerns with:

- Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister for Social Development and Poverty Reduction, at Shane.Simpson.MLA@leg.bc.ca
- Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions, at Judy.Darcy.MLA@leg.bc.ca
- Honourable Selina Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, at Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca
- Honourable David Eby, Attorney General, at David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca
- Or your local MLA

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the City.

Sincerely,

Braden Hutchins
Director of Corporate Services, on behalf of Mayor Young