

STATEMENT

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City will work to close tent city in an orderly way

The judge's order recognizes the serious fire safety risks on the site and the City's approach to public safety.

We're working with BC Housing, Ministry of Children and Families, Island Health and other agencies to conduct an orderly transition of occupants off the site.

We will keep the public informed as we work through how to manage an orderly closure of this tent city.

Nothing changes today or tomorrow.

The City wants to help manage an orderly closure of this camp that respects the dignity of campers and protects residents and businesses. We want to work collaboratively with occupants and provincial agencies to find other options and to help people find other places to live within the next 21 days. Public safety is a critical concern. We urge campers to do everything possible to reduce the risk of fire and other threats to health and safety.

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