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ABOUT SECURITY FOR THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO ASK

Q. Are there plans to move or displace any of the residents of the DTES for the Games?

A. Absolutely not. It is not our intention or wish that any resident of the DTES be displaced in any way.

Q. Which police agencies are providing Games security and public safety in the venues and the city?

A. A joint task force led by the RCMP called the V2010 Integrated Security Unit will look after the fenced area around the Olympic venue. For the rest of the city it is business as usual with the VPD handling policing.

Q. Will the VPD have to reduce services and the level of safety for city residents because of the Olympics?

A. No, there will actually be more VPD officers in the Entertainment District, live sites, pedestrian corridors and the business/hotel districts.

Q. Will the Canadian Forces be patrolling city streets?

A. The Canadian Forces will be providing some support during the Games, but will not be patrolling in the city.

Q. Will my movements be restricted in any way as a result of the Games security needs? Will I still be allowed to go to parks, the seawall and public institutions?

A. If you are not attending a 2010 Games event, you will not likely experience any security restrictions.

Q. Will I be subject to searches when I am in the city near the venues?

A. People will only be searched if the police have a legitimate legal authority to conduct the search.

Q. Will protesters be allowed to put up signs or distribute written material?

A. Yes, unless the signs or their support mechanism are used as a weapon or to obstruct the vision of others.

Q. Will there be Closed Circuit TV cameras used during the Games?

A. Yes, but only in the venues and the public gathering areas.

Q. Will protest zones be set up to help facilitate this activity? What will happen if a protest occurs outside of the designated areas?

A. The V2010 ISU plans to establish areas in close proximity to venues to facilitate protest activity in a safe and visible manner. Lawful protest activity will be permitted in public space, as it is now.

Q. Will protests be allowed during the Games? What level of protest will be allowed and what won't?

A. Lawful protests on public spaces will certainly be permitted, as it is now. The VPD would encourage groups wanting to protest during the Games to contact our Operational Planning Unit. Demonstrations on private property will be policed in accordance with the instructions of the property owner and existing legal authority.

Q. What are the plans for dealing with the following groups during Games time:

- **Homeless?** A. Some will be displaced if they are very close to venues. The VPD will work with the City of Vancouver to assist in their relocation to an appropriate shelter or they will be allowed to move to an area where they will not impact venue security.

- **Panhandlers?** A. There will be no change; aggressive panhandlers will be dealt with according to legislation.

- **Sex trade workers?** A. No change.

- **Drug users?** A. No change.

Q. There will be a much greater level of traffic congestion in the City and especially in the downtown core. What plans are in place to facilitate access for emergency services (medical, fire, etc.)?

A. V2010 ISU and the partner Integrated Public Safety Unit are working together to insure delivery of emergency services is not negatively impacted.

To assist the residents of the DTES in dealing with concerns arising from the Games the VPD, please contact Staff Sergeant Ross Jackson at 604.717.3743.



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