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Subject: Thank you from Executive Producer of Deadpool

Dear Mayor and Council,

John J. Kelly, the Executive Producer of the film Deadpool sends his Thank You to the City of Vancouver. I am forwarding his note to us:

To the Staff, City Manager, Mayor of Vancouver, Councillors of the City of Vancouver, the VEC and the VPD.

Having just had the most successful box office weekend of my career, as well as that of 20th Century Fox, I would like to say "thank you" to the City who made this all happen – Vancouver, BC. When originally looking for a city to shoot this film, Vancouver had the most attractive elements including an active and supportive film friendly staff, amazing locations, tax incentives and a well-experienced local crew

Vancouver truly came together as a city to help us shoot Deadpool on the Georgia Viaduct while working with us daily on developing a plan that would provide the most successful schedule to shoot the film while ensuring road was open and ready for the residents of Vancouver during rush hour. The support for the closure of the local business associations and other stakeholders was invaluable and much appreciated.

From the Mayor and down the list of every other employee of the City we worked with, everyone was sincere and constructive in helping us in making this movie. As I am now trying to make my next movie in Vancouver, I am finding that the city is continuing to host some of the biggest and best filmmakers, and I must wait my turn to squeeze back in to this wonderful place with a new production.

When I look back now, I realize that, for me, I also experienced the best quality of life I have ever had on location. From the walks on the Seawall to cheering with fellow Canucks fans on many a hockey night and to attending a few of the Women's World Cup Games, Vancouver was not only a great place to make a movie, but was also a great place to make a life. Thank you to the city and to all those wonderful people I had the chance to work with and consider my friends.

I will see you all soon again and thank you City of Vancouver for your hospitality!

John J. Kelly