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**Subject:** Memo - Kwakwaka'wakw Centennial Pole – Removal and Conservation

**Attachments:** CS - Memo to Mayor and Council - Centennial Pole Removal.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council, and Park Board Commissioners –

Please find attached a memo from Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, GM of Community Services, regarding the removal and conservation of the Kwakwaka'wakw Centennial Pole. A short summary is provided below.

- Beginning next week, staff will commence work that will result in the removal of the Centennial Pole in order to more thoroughly assess its current condition;
- The initial step will involve a small excavation of the site and the removal process will take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete;
- Construction fencing will be erected around the site and City staff is working with the Parks Board on an appropriate remediation plan;
- The Pole will be stored at a secure warehouse facility where conservators and Chief Mungo Martin's descendants will determine a comprehensive conservation approach.
- It is anticipated that the restoration process will take 1-2 years to complete;
- Letters of Notice will be sent next week to neighbourhood residents and businesses;
- Corporate Communications will issue an Information Bulletin to inform the public about the work plan for the Centennial Pole;
- City staff are also working to ensure that Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations are informed in a timely manner.

Should you have any questions, please contact Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services at 604-871-6455/[Branislav.Henselmann@vancouver.ca](mailto:Branislav.Henselmann@vancouver.ca) or Eric Fredericksen, Public Art Program Manager at 604-871-6002 / [Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca](mailto:Eric.Fredericksen@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

September 29, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
Commissioners, Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

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Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services

**FROM:** Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Kwakwaka'wakw Centennial Pole - Removal and Conservation

The 59-year-old Centennial Pole carved by the renowned Kwakwaka'wakw artist Chief Mungo Martin, which currently stands in front of the Maritime Museum at Hadden Park, will be removed for necessary conservation and restoration work beginning next week.

An assessment plan is in place for this historically significant Pole and the goal is to develop a comprehensive conservation approach in consultation with the family of Chief Mungo Martin.

### Background

The Centennial Pole was originally commissioned by the Province to mark British Columbia's centennial as a British colony in 1958. It is one of two near-identical poles carved by Chief Mungo Martin to commemorate

the joining of the crown colonies of British Columbia 100 years before. The companion pole was presented to Queen Elizabeth and stands in Great Windsor Park in England.

In 2014, a condition assessment determined that decay at the Centennial Pole's base had compromised its structural integrity. To ensure public safety and the security of the pole, a temporary support system was installed.

Beginning next week, staff will commence work that will result in the removal of the Centennial Pole in order to more thoroughly assess its current condition. The initial step will involve a small excavation of the site and the removal process will take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete. Construction fencing will be erected around the site and City staff is working with the Parks Board on an appropriate remediation plan.

The Pole will be stored at a secure warehouse facility where conservators and Chief Mungo Martin's descendants will determine a comprehensive conservation approach. It is anticipated that the restoration process will take 1-2 years to complete.

Letters of Notice will be sent next week to neighbourhood residents and businesses and Corporate Communications will issue an Information Bulletin to inform the public about the work plan for the Centennial Pole. City staff are also working to ensure that Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations are informed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions please contact Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services, 604-871-6455 or Eric Fredericksen, Public Art Program Manager, 604-871-6002.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Llewellyn-Thomas', with a long, sweeping underline.

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