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Dear Mayor and Council,

Following from last week's motion [Commemorating COVID-19 in the City of Vancouver](#), I am writing to inform you of the City's planning efforts underway.

The City will be aligning with the Province to recognize the one-year anniversary of the start of the pandemic on March 11, 2021.

As part of commemoration efforts, the City will:

- Light City assets blue (turning to yellow at 9 PM as a sign of hope) to support healthcare and front line workers, including City Hall, Bloedel Conservatory and Burrard Bridge (bridge lit until 9 PM). City Hall will be lit blue throughout March.
- Fly City flags at half-mast on March 11 to honour lost lives.
- Ask Mayor and Council to contribute to a short commemorative video by EOD this Friday that will be shared on City social channels and online. *You will receive the details of this request shortly via a separate email.*
- Issue a news release to mark the anniversary.
- Pursue a series of internal communications efforts that feature achievements from the City's COVID-19 response.

For your information, on March 11, the Province is planning for all buildings to be at half-mast to honour lost lives and to observe a moment of silence in the House, followed by a statement.

Should you have questions, please contact Maria Pontikis at [maria.pontikis@vancouver.ca](mailto:maria.pontikis@vancouver.ca) or 604-218-6319.

Best,  
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