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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo outlining the plans to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2021.

- This year the City is taking a different approach to IWD because of COVID-19 and restrictions on social gatherings. In lieu of an event, staff collaborated with the Museum of Vancouver to curate and design an online video slideshow highlighting residents and activist groups who advocate for women's rights currently and those who have done so in the past.
- The video slideshow will be promoted on the City's social media channels and live on vancouver.ca starting Monday, March 8, 2021.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lesley Matthews, Chief of External Relations and Protocol at Lesley.Matthews@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməŋəm (Musqueam), ləwú 7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətəł (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

March 2, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, Acting City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts Culture and Community Services
Lynda Graves, Administration Services Manager, City Manager's Office
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Anita Zaenker, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
Alvin Singh, Communications Director, Mayor's Office
Lesley Matthews, Chief External Relations and Protocol

FROM: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk

SUBJECT: International Women's Day – March 8, 2021

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on the City's International Women's Day plans for March 8, 2021.

Background

International Women's Day (IWD) is one of 16 official celebrations and observances marked by City Council each year. Since 2006, External Relations and Protocol has coordinated an annual IWD event in the Council Chamber.

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A diverse group of residents and advocacy groups were selected using an intersectional lens that includes BIPOC women and people of marginalized genders. Examples of some those selected include:

- **Helena Gutteridge**, first female Vancouver City Councillor
- **Ingrid Mendez**, Watari Counselling and Support Services Society
- **Jamie Lee Hamilton**, advocate for transgender rights and the rights of sex workers
- **barbara findlay**, Canadian lawyer and 2SLGBTQ+ rights advocate

- **Janice Abbott**, Atari Women's Resource Society
- **Gertrude Guerin**, First female Chief of the Musqueam Indian Band from 1959-1961 and the first woman to be an elected Chief in Canada
- **Vivian Jung**, first Chinese Canadian teacher with the Vancouver School Board
- **Helen Gregory MacGill**, suffragette and first female judge in BC
- **Militant Mothers of Raymur** - Carolyn Jerome, Alice Hamilton (mother of activist Jamie Lee Hamilton), Judith Stainsby, Jean Amos, Toni Cowlshaw, Ollie Strauman, Barbara Burnet, Joan Morelli, Sheila Turgeon, Muggs Sigurgeirson, Babs Cain, Dorothy Cox and others
- **Lesbian Connection Centre**, a political, service and social organization for lesbian and bisexual women started in 1984. A year later, the group opened the Vancouver Lesbian Centre on Commercial Dr.
- **Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society**, an organization for the Two-Spirit community created in 1978 in response to racism within Vancouver's gay community
- **Kiss and Tell Collective**, a performance and artist collective whose work is concerned with lesbian sexuality
- **Association of University & College Employees Local 1** (UBC), first union in Canada to negotiate fully funded maternity leave
- **The Creche**, first daycare in Vancouver, provided childcare for working women.

The video slideshow will be promoted on the City's social media channels and live on vancouver.ca starting Monday, March 8. It will remain on the City's Official Celebrations and Observances webpage permanently, and updated in subsequent years to ensure that it remains current and reflects the story of Vancouver's women's rights movement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Lesley Matthews at Lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca



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