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Subject: Upcoming news release: City to expand Drinking in Plazas Program beyond summer months (Ap

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release reporting on Council's decision to expand the Drinking in Public Plazas Program into a year-round initiative.

The City will be sharing this news release via social media once it's been issued to media. Please feel free to amplify and share as you see fit.

Best,
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City of Vancouver
News release
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City to expand Drinking in Plazas Program beyond summer months

Following three successful seasons, Vancouver City Council has voted to expand Vancouver's [Drinking in Public Plazas Program](#) into a year-round initiative. As part of its decision, Council has approved six public plazas to participate in the new 2023/24 program.

"Time and time again we have seen that Vancouverites can be trusted to safely and responsibly enjoy alcoholic drinks in shared public spaces. We're incredibly pleased to support the expansion of this program," says Mayor Ken Sim. "Community connection and spaces for public life are so important for our wellbeing and quality of life. Having plazas that allow alcohol consumption year-round will help make our city more vibrant while supporting local businesses."

Participating plaza locations

As part of the 2023/24 program, alcohol may be responsibly consumed at the following participating plazas:

Year-round (May 15, 2023 to May 14, 2024):

- Cambie St and 17th Ave (Plaza steward: Cambie Village Business Association)
- Cambie St and 18th Ave (Cambie Village Business Association)
- Granville St and 13th Ave (South Granville Business Improvement Association)
- Granville St and 14th Ave (South Granville Business Improvement Association)

- Lot 19, 855 West Hastings St (Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association)
- Main St and 21st Ave (Coco et Olive, Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, residents)

Spring/summer only (May 15 to October 31, 2023):

- Maple St and 4th Ave (Kitsilano West 4th Ave. Business Improvement Association)

During summer months and daylight, the plazas will operate from 11 am to 9 pm daily (May 15 to October 16, 2023). As the season shifts into winter and darker days, plazas will operate from 11 am to 5 pm (October 17 to May 14, 2024).

"We're committed to supporting vibrant public spaces that offer something for everyone," says Lisa Parker, Director of Public Space and Street Use. "The Drinking in Public Plazas Program continues to be a success because of our plaza and community partners, who steward and care for these spaces daily, making sure they are safe and inclusive for residents and visitors. We are pleased to be able to offer outdoor space for responsible alcohol consumption."

Participating plaza locations are selected to be within walking distance to essential public amenities like washrooms. Where this isn't already possible, temporary portable washrooms will be installed.

Read the [Council Report](#).

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