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Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are aware, April 14, 2021 marks five years since a Public Health Emergency was declared in BC in recognition of the overdose crisis in the province. Since that day, more than 1,730 people have lost their lives in Vancouver as a result of an overdose. Our staff remain committed to addressing the crisis through initiatives such as requesting an exemption from Section 56, advocating for access to safe supply and through work in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health.

In addition to flying the flag at half-mast in memory of those who have died, the City will be issuing a news release summarizing ongoing work and sharing social media posts to raise awareness of the issue.

Thank you,  
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