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Subject: Memo - Micro Wedding Pilot Update

Attachments: Memo - Micro Wedding Pilot Update - June 2020.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk, providing an update on the micro-wedding pilot project. A brief summary is as follows –

- There are 36 confirmed bookings with 11 timeslots available over 6 designated dates between June and September 2020.
- Six of the 11 timeslots are on July 27, which has been designated as a special wedding day to celebrate Pride Week in Vancouver.

The following table provides the number of confirmed bookings as of June 5, 2020, and the number of wedding ceremony timeslots still available for booking.

Micro-Wedding Ceremonies	June 19	July 27	July 31	Aug 14	Aug 28	Sept 4	TOTAL
Ceremonies Booked /Confirmed	8	1	8	8	7	4	36
Ceremonies Available	0	6	0	0	1	4	11
Total # of Ceremonies	8	7	8	8	8	8	47

If you would like further information on the micro-wedding pilot program, please contact Lesley Matthews at lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca or at 604-829-2039.

Best,
Sadhu

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MEMORANDUM

June 8, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu A. Johnston, City Manager
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FROM: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk

SUBJECT: Update on Micro-wedding Bookings - RTS 13870

PURPOSE

As per Council's request at the May 12, 2020 meeting during Enquiries and Other Matters, the following memo provides an update to Council on micro-wedding bookings.

BACKGROUND

On May 1, 2020, staff sent Council a memo regarding a micro-wedding pilot program being launched in response to a Council motion passed on December 18, 2018. The pilot was officially launched to the public on May 8, 2020 with a news release and a social media campaign directing interested couples to a webpage and a registration form to book ceremonies online at www.vancouver.ca/weddings.

The pilot program allows couples to book a 30 minute ceremony on a designated wedding date between June and October 2020 for \$85. The \$85 fee covers use of the Helena Gutteridge Plaza for 10 guests' maximum, 3rd party liability insurance, and physical-distancing floor decals to keep guests 2 metres apart for health and safety reasons due to COVID-19.

DISCUSSION

At the May 12, 2020 Council meeting during Enquiries and Other Matters, Council requested an update on micro-wedding ceremony bookings.

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As noted in the table above, there are 47 micro-wedding ceremony timeslots over 6 designated dates between June and September 2020. Thirty-six of the micro-wedding ceremony timeslots are booked and confirmed. Eleven micro-wedding ceremony timeslots still remain open and available for couples to book.

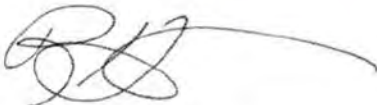
Six of the 11 available timeslots are on July 27, which has been designated as a special wedding day to celebrate Pride Week in Vancouver. The City is partnering with the Vancouver Pride Society on July 27 to offer micro-wedding ceremonies to 2SLGBTQ+ couples. As part of the partnership, the Pride Society will provide a decorative archway for couples to get married under, a pre-arranged marriage officiant and a professional wedding photographer at no cost to the couples. The Pride Society and the City will begin promoting the special Pride Week wedding ceremonies to the 2SLGBTQ+ community this week, and it is anticipated that the date will be fully booked.

Currently, there are 17 couples on the waitlist hoping to book a micro-wedding at City Hall this summer. Staff is working with the waitlisted couples to fit them into the remaining available timeslots, or advise them if their preferred date and time becomes available due to a cancellation.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, 36 micro-wedding ceremonies are booked and confirmed, and 11 micro-wedding spots are still available. Staff will work with the Vancouver Pride Society and 17 waitlisted couples to book these remaining available spots.

If you would like further information on the micro-wedding pilot program, please contact Lesley Matthews at lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca or at 604-829-2039.



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