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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: INVITATION - Live-streamed Pride Proclamation, Flag Raising and Launch @ City Hall - July 26, 2021

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PrideWeek2021 \_Flags.pdf

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Dear Mayor and Council,

You are invited to the virtual Vancouver Pride Week Proclamation, Flag Raising and Launch Event on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 11:30am. The event will be live-streamed from the Councillor's north parking lot at Vancouver City Hall and will feature the reading of the 2021 Pride Week Proclamation and a flag raising ceremony. To join the live-stream on either the Pride Society's Facebook page or website, please go to the following link(s):

<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverPrideSociety>  
[https://vancouverpride.ca/live-stream/ \[vancouverpride.ca\]](https://vancouverpride.ca/live-stream/)

As recommended last year by the 2SLGBTQ+ Council Advisory committee, the Progress Pride flag will be raised in place of the Trans flag on the large flag pole next to the Pride flag. Also the installation of four Two-Spirit flags, representing the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh Peoples and the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society, surrounded by six Pride flags and six Trans flags will once again appear on the flag island @ 12th and Cambie. Please see the attached PrideWeek2021\_Flags.pdf to view the image of each flag and its description. All seven flags featured in the attachment will be displayed as the backdrop for the virtual event on Monday.

Lastly, there will be a Virtual Pride Parade held on Sunday, August 1 from 12 – 2 pm. The Pride Week #VANVIRTUALPRIDE 2021 [Event Line-Up](#) can be found at this link:

<https://vancouverpride.ca/festival-parade/about/#/events/alphabetical>

Happy Pride Week!

Best,  
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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for the virtual celebration of Vancouver's strong and proud 2SLGBTQ+ community!



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# FLAG DISPLAY

## Celebrating Pride Week in the City of Vancouver



**PRIDE FLAG** - This flag was originally designed by Gilbert Baker, an American artist, activist and veteran who taught himself to sew. He was asked to come up with a symbol of pride for the gay community in San Francisco. His design for the flag was said to be inspired by Judy Garland's "Over the Rainbow". These colours flew at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade celebration on June 25, 1978, and the symbolism continues to be a beacon of hope around the world. Each colour in the flag celebrates an aspect of queer Pride:

Red = Life

Yellow = Sunlight

Blue = Harmony/Peace

Orange = Healing

Green = Nature

Purple/Violet = Spirit



**TRANSGENDER FLAG** - This flag was designed by Monica Helms, a trans woman, in 1999 and it was first flown at a Pride Parade in Phoenix a year later. "The light blue is the traditional color for baby boys, pink is for girls, and the white in the middle is for those who are transitioning, those who feel they have a neutral gender or no gender, and those who are intersexed," Helms noted. "The pattern is such that no matter which way you fly it, it will always be correct. This symbolizes us trying to find correctness in our own lives."



**PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG** - This new flag was designed by Daniel Quasar, who identifies as queer and non-binary. The white, pink, and light blue reflect the colours of the transgender flag, while the brown and black stripes represent people of color and those lost to AIDS. The six full-sized colour stripes have the same meaning as in the original Pride Flag (described above).



**GREATER VANCOUVER NATIVE CULTURAL SOCIETY FLAG** - This flag was commissioned in 2016 by the Council of Elders to the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society. The flag depicts two of the Society's cultural logos; the salmon representing the west coast, and the teepee in the centre signifying the creation of the GVNCS by the plains people who migrated to the Lower Mainland. The words "Two-Spirit" were added so that all Two-Spirit people then and now enjoy a safe space here in Vancouver.



**MUSQUEAM TWO-SPIRIT PRIDE FLAG** - This flag was commissioned by the Musqueam Nation and emulates the Nation logo upon a rainbow pride colour splash, in support of Musqueam's Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQ+ relatives and friends.



**SQUAMISH NATION FLAG** - This flag is a celebration of the Squamish Nation's LGBTQ2+ community. The Thunderbird looks down watching over the people, and the two head feathers represent both male and female.



**TSLEIL-WAUTUTH RAINBOW FLAG** - The flag represents the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, People of the Inlet. The wolf with a drum in the centre of the white flag is a tribute to the Nation's ancient connections to wolves. The wolf design has been re-imagined with the rainbow pride colours in support of the LGBTQ and Two-Spirit communities.