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Dear VEC Honorary Board members,

As you will recall, David Sheppard stepped down from his role as Vancouver Film Commissioner earlier this year to pursue another opportunity. While we were very sorry to lose David, his departure presents an opportunity to evaluate the form, mandate and structure of the Vancouver Film Commission and the support that the City provides for the sector through the Vancouver Economic Commission. Pending the outcome of that review, we have heard clearly from some stakeholders regarding the value of continuity in the Film Commissioner role and the functions that currently rest with that position.

To that end, I can advise that Geoff Teoli will be joining VEC on a part-time basis to serve as interim Vancouver Film Commissioner. Geoff's appointment has a 6-month term and he will be taking on this interim role in addition to his leadership of our Film and Special Events Branch within Engineering. Geoff and Eleena will be working closely to transition some of the key work of the Film Commission with ongoing support from VEC staff. In addition, they will be commencing outreach to inform the development of options for this function over the longer term.

VEC will make a public announcement on **September 27, 2021** and request that this information remains confidential for the time being. This announcement is timed to coincide with the release of VEC's film and tv stats.

Ahead of the formal announcement, Geoff and Eleena will connect with some key stakeholders and share the news in confidence, not least Creative BC, MPPIA and REPS.

Please let me or Eleena know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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