Dear Mayor and Council,

On July 13, 2016 City Council approved a number of recommendations related to Trans*, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit inclusion at the City of Vancouver. Among these recommendations are changes to washroom and change room signage to reflect universal, functions-based designation.

Developed with input from the City’s LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee and Parks Trans* and Gender Variant Steering Committee, the new signs will contain icons based on function, such as a toilet, infant (change table) and wheelchair. They also include Braille and print stating “Trans People Welcome”. The sign plates are either square or rectangular and are consistent with signage in place at current pilot facilities in Parks.

These signage changes will start in City Hall in March, with roll out to other City facilities over the upcoming months. Please see one of the examples below:

Internal Communications has been working with EEO and REFM on relevant information for staff, including further information on Citywire and a Manager’s Brief to come soon regarding the signage changes. Specifically, Building Services and Security staff are being briefed prior to the changes in City Hall, so they are able to support the changes and answer any queries from the public.

Best,

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