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Greetings Mayor and Council,

The annual Pride Parade is fast approaching! Here is important information that you will need to participate in the Parade on Sunday, August 5th!

This year's theme is *Year of the Queer* in support of our LGBTQ2+ community. We will be joined by the Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver Park Board, BC Ambulance Service, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, Vancouver Police Department, and the VPD Pipe Band.

Where and When to meet on Sunday, August 5th

- The staging area is on Robson Street, between Thurlow and Bute (see blue thought bubble on map below). Our exact location this year is AN11 - located on the North side of Robson Street just West of Thurlow Street.
- All marchers are to arrive NO LATER than 11:15am. The parade begins at NOON sharp!
- The parade route is approximately 3 km and takes about an hour to complete barring any stoppages
- Parade participants must not get on and off of a moving float please plan to either walk the entire route, or ride the float for the entire route
- We will have buttons to give away. Buttons must be handed out, never thrown into the crowd
- The Parade disperses on Pacific for Vehicle traffic and on Beach Avenue for marchers. You must take all your belongings off the float at Beach Avenue.
- Your contact on Parade Day is Ellen Vaillancourt, cell 604.679.4309 or Lesley Matthews, cell 604.362.3419

What to Bring

- Your Year of the Queer t-shirt!
- Non-disposable water bottle
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat to beat the heat
- Comfortable shoes

How to Get There

- Driving and parking will be extremely difficult on Parade Day
- Walk, bike, take transit or car-pool

Thanks very much! We look forward to seeing you all. If you have any other questions please contact Ellen at 604.679.4309.

Happy Pride!

Best,

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