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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 5<sup>th</sup>!

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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