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Good Evening Mayor and Council-

As a follow up to an October 2018 communication (attached) informing the Mayor and Council of the removal and restoration of the Centennial Totem Pole carved by Kwakwaka'wakw Chief Mungo Martin, Nakapenkem, Datsa, we would like to invite you to a small pole blessing ceremony, to be conducted on the day of its removal. This gathering is scheduled for Friday, November 16, at 10am, at Hadden Park, by the Maritime Museum. (Staff will forward the original communication to you on Tuesday.)

Chief David Mungo Knox, and Chief Bill Cranmer, from Fort Rupert, will be attending the ceremony, and will be joined by 2 or 3 local singers. We are also expecting representatives from the Crown Estate of Windsor Castle, which holds a twin of this pole by Mungo Martin, to be in attendance. Please note that representatives from our three Host Nations have been invited; we are awaiting their response.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services at [sandra.singh@vancouver.ca](mailto:sandra.singh@vancouver.ca) or 604-353-7296.

Best

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**From:** Johnston, Sadhu

**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 2:28 PM

**To:** Direct to Mayor and Council - DL; PB Commissioners

**Cc:** City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL; Singh, Sandra; Henselmann, Branislav

**Subject:** Memo - Centennial Pole – Removal and Conservation Planning

Greetings Mayor and Council, and Park Board Commissioners:

The attached memo from Sandra Singh provides an update regarding our plans for the removal, conservation, and restoration of the Centennial Pole, the 60-year-old totem pole carved by the renowned Kwakwaka'wakw artist Chief Mungo Martin, which currently stands in front of the Maritime Museum at Hadden Park.

Highlights include the following:

- Background: Why we are performing this work;
- Process: Our next steps and a schedule of when we expect to perform the removal, beginning November 5 and extending through the end of the following week;
- Notification: Plans for communicating our work internally, in the neighbourhood, and with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh.

Should you have any questions, please contact Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services at 604-871-6455 or [branislav.henselmann@vancouver.ca](mailto:branislav.henselmann@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

October 26, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
Commissioners, Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation

**CC:** Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
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Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director of Cultural Services

**FROM:** Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Centennial Pole - Removal and Conservation Planning

Dear Mayor and Council,

This memo is an update on our plans for the removal, conservation, and restoration of the Centennial Pole, the 60-year-old totem pole carved by the renowned Kwakwaka'wakw artist Chief Mungo Martin, which currently stands in front of the Maritime Museum at Hadden Park.

### Background

This historically significant pole was originally commissioned by the Province to mark British Columbia's centennial as a British colony in 1958. It is one of two near-identical poles carved by Chief Mungo Martin to commemorate the union of the crown colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island 100 years before. The companion pole was presented to Queen Elizabeth and stands in Great Windsor Park in England.

A condition assessment in 2014 determined that decay at the Pole’s base had compromised its structural integrity, putting it at risk in the event of high winds and extreme weather. To ensure public safety and the security of the pole, a support system was installed in December 2014. Restoration work was last undertaken in 1986 and in 2008 the pole’s hat was removed due to its deterioration.

**Process**

Public Art are now preparing to take down the Centennial Pole in order to dry it out, assess its condition, and develop a comprehensive conservation plan that will include input from Chief Mungo Martin’s descendants. After a lengthy consultation procedure with an engineer, conservator, and industrial mover, a final strong back design has been achieved that will protect the public’s safety as well as ensure that the pole is not damaged during removal and transportation.

Once removed, the Pole will be transported to a secure warehouse facility where a comprehensive conservation approach will be determined in collaboration with conservators and Chief Mungo Martin’s descendants. It is anticipated that the restoration process will take 1-2 years to complete.

Timing of the removal is dependent on fabrication of the strong back which will be fabricated in sections and assembled and attached to the pole on site. Public Art estimates that the work will take close to two weeks and will consist of the following steps:

<b>Week of November 5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site prep and equipment set-up               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Removal of existing braces</li> <li>○ Assembly of strong back sections</li> <li>○ Attachment to pole</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week of November 13</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal and transportation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Excavation and cutting at base</li> <li>○ Craning onto truck</li> <li>○ Transportation (post-midnight to reduce impact on traffic and neighbours)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

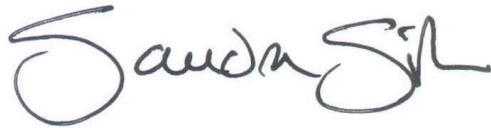
To restrict access and protect the public from construction activities, fencing will be raised around the entire area of the pole including the small court and walkways. Access to the Vancouver Maritime Museum and the beach area will still be available on either side of the work site.

**Notification**

Public Art has previously notified Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations about the proposed removal and conservation work of the Centennial Pole and will continue to keep them informed. Public Art will send Letters of Notice to neighbourhood residents and

businesses to inform them about the work and any potential disruptions, and install signage on site to inform park visitors.

If you have any questions please contact Branislav Henselmann, Managing Director, Cultural Services, 604-871-6455, or Eric Fredericksen, Public Art Program Manager, 604-871-6002.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Singh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Singh".

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