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Greetings Mayor and Council,

International Women's Day (IWD) has been celebrated around the world on March 8th since 1911, and was designated as an annual Council event in 2006. Since that time, City Council has hosted an annual event on or around March 8th in the Council Chamber to celebrate women's contributions, and the progress that's been achieved to improve the lives of women and girls in our city. The event also provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges that many women and girls still face in the community.

In past years, members of the Women's Advisory Committee have worked with City staff to assist with the planning of the City's annual IWD event. The work of the planning group includes selecting an event theme, inviting speakers, and arranging cultural performances. The Women's Advisory Committee is now dissolved and a new committee has not yet been established by Council. Given this, staff have invited members of the former Women's Advisory Committee to participate in the planning of the 2019 IWD event.

The purpose of this e-mail is to let Councillors know that if you are interested in participating as a Council Liaison to the event planning group, you are welcome to attend the meetings, which will begin in the New Year. Any Councillors interested should contact Lesley Matthews, Chief of External Relations and Protocol at lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca to be added to the group's email list.

Best,
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