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**Subject:** Save the Date - VanSlam 2019 - May 10

Dear Mayor and Council,

On **May 10, 2019** the City will be conducting a full-scale earthquake exercise called **VanSlam 2019**. The purpose of VanSlam 2019 is to validate the City of Vancouver's earthquake response capabilities through the activation of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Department Operations Centres (DOCs) and various related emergency plans. The exercise objectives focus on damage assessment, mass care, communications and technology and response coordination activities. The exercise will further develop our collective skills and help us refine plans as we prepare for the provincially-led regional earthquake exercise in 2021. The planning for exercise VanSlam 2019 is well underway and includes participation from all parts of the City. We expect over 600 staff to be directly involved in exercise play and we have plans to engage staff who aren't directly involved.

As the elected leaders of the City, you have post-earthquake procedures to follow as outlined in the Mayor, Council, and CLT Major Emergency Guide distributed to you at the end of 2018. As part of VanSlam, we would like to engage you in an activity at the start of the exercise which will test your immediate post-earthquake procedures and offer you the opportunity to tour the exercise sites where you can see the live exercise play.

Please save the date – May 10<sup>th</sup> – for the exercise. While the specific timings and tour sites are still being worked out, we anticipate that exercise-related activities for Mayor and Council will be between 8:30 and 17:30. Please confirm your participation with Emergency Management ([emergency.management@vancouver.ca](mailto:emergency.management@vancouver.ca))

Best,  
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