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Subject: Memo - Opportunities to Participate in Low-barrier Public Space Initiatives

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Street Activities Branch is advancing several upcoming public space initiatives:
 - On February 20, VIVA Vancouver will launch their annual call for proposals for community-led activations of the City's public spaces.
 - The same day, a public information session will be held on public space opportunities across the City, in partnership with Cultural Services, Park Board and Vancouver Civic Theatres.
 - Share a Square, a program that supports permit-free, no-fee, community-led events in plazas, has recently expanded eligible plaza locations this month.
 - In March, the City will launch an Indigenous artist call, Chinatown artist call and Community-based artist call, to expand opportunities for diverse cultural expression.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best
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Pronouns: he, him, his



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MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Opportunities to Participate in Low-barrier Public Space Initiatives

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on several upcoming initiatives led by Street Activities within Engineering Services to support community-led programming in public space, such as small-scale events, temporary art, interactive displays and pop-ups.

Through ongoing public engagement and public space policy work, we've consistently heard that the community is seeking more low-barrier opportunities to participate in public space. In response, staff have undertaken the following initiatives:

Public Information Session

On February 20, VIVA Vancouver is hosting a public space information session at CityLab (511 West Broadway) in partnership with Cultural Services, Park Board, and Civic Theatres. This family-friendly information session offers a convenient opportunity for members of the public to speak to staff and learn about the City's various grants, programs, and staff support for low-barrier public space opportunities.

Share a Square

Introduced in late 2019, and now expanding to five public plazas as of February 2020, the Share a Square program lowers barriers to help communities host small-scale events such as board-game nights, educational events, poetry nights, picnics and more. Proposed activities are screened, and those meeting program guidelines do not require a permit and also qualify for city-provided insurance.

VIVA Call for Pop-ups

VIVA Vancouver's annual Call for Proposals for "Pop-up Public Space Activations" will launch on February 20. Pop-up activations are temporary small events, installations and displays that animate public space, foster social connections, and build community. The selected pop-ups, which will be led by community partners with support by VIVA staff, will be delivered in public spaces across the city between May and November. This year's theme is "Food: Using food to connect communities."

Artist Calls

The City is inviting proposals for temporary painted murals and digital printed artwork to develop opportunities for diverse cultural and community expression in civic places and neighbourhoods. The projects will be selected through an Indigenous artist call, Chinatown artist call and Community based artist call. The calls will accept proposals in March and are open to artists and community groups.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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