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Subject: Display of the Mayor's Chain of Office - 3rd Floor Foyer

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to advise that the Mayor's Chain of Office is now on exhibit in the display case in the 3rd floor foyer of City Hall.

The Mayor's Chain of Office was produced by Henry Birks & Sons Ltd. in 1912 and paid for with personal contributions collected from donors. It is made of 14 carat gold and was created in preparation for the official visit of the Governor General of Canada to Vancouver in September 1912. Council members and other civic leaders at the time felt that it was important for a city the size and importance of Vancouver to have a golden chain for the Mayor to wear during this occasion.

The Chain of Office features a pendant with the City's coat of arms, and five medallions, each one hand carved with a rose gold finish with images depicting British Columbia's resource sectors including agriculture, lumber, industry and art, mining and fisheries. Since 1912, the Chain of Office has rarely been worn and only brought out for special occasions such as inauguration ceremonies.

Over the last number of years, the Chain of Office has been stored in the vault under Revenue Services in City Hall. Given its historical significance, staff arranged for it to be safely and securely displayed in City Hall for the public to view. The display case is armed with shatter-resistant glass, an alarm with motion detection, and a newly upgraded high-security locking system. The area is also under 24 hour video surveillance monitored by Security.

If you have any questions about the Chain of Office, please contact Lesley Matthews at lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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Pronouns: he, him, his



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