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Dear Mayor and Council,

As you may recall from previous correspondence, following a detailed structural assessment of the vessel and its hull, it was determined that refloating the barge at English Bay is not feasible.

A process is now underway to remove the barge over the coming months by taking it apart in pieces. Local firm Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd. (VanPile) has been contracted to carry out the barge's deconstruction and removal. The City will be issuing the information bulletin below this afternoon outlining the future deconstruction work and involved parties, in order to proactively advise media and interested parties of what will occur in the coming months.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
February 9, 2022

Floating days are over for barge at English Bay *Vessel to be disassembled and removed in pieces*

Ever since it became stranded at Sunset Beach in last November's wind storm, removing the now-famous English Bay barge via the water was planned.

Following a detailed structural assessment of the vessel and its hull, engineers have determined it is not possible to refloat the barge. A process is now underway to remove the barge over the coming months by taking it apart in pieces.

Local firm Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd. (VanPile) has been contracted to carry out the barge's deconstruction and removal. The deconstruction work is expected to take 12 to 15 weeks and will be complex, taking into account site security, tide levels, public safety and measures to protect the sensitive marine environment surrounding the barge. VanPile will lead this work and be supported by a variety of government agencies including Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

VanPile has received advice to avoid and minimize impacts to fish and fish habitat from Fisheries and Oceans Canada as part of the planning process. Environmental, archeological and structural

assessments are underway by VanPile as part of the preparation for the barge's removal.

Ahead of the deconstruction work, the area surrounding the barge will be converted into a work site with necessary fencing, detours and signage, which will provide the public and seawall users with additional information about the work underway. Planning and preparation is ongoing but timing for the deconstruction activity is to be determined and will be communicated once known.

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Note to editors:

Media inquiries related to the deconstruction project may be directed to media@vancouver.ca and will be redirected to VanPile as appropriate.

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