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Dear Mayor and Council,

As you have likely heard, Russia has invaded Ukraine and there are reports of fierce fighting across Ukraine. There are also reports of attacks near Odessa, our oldest sister city since 1944. The Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Vancouver has requested that we illuminate City Hall and Burrard Bridge in blue and yellow, and raise the Ukrainian Flag on the flag island at 12th and Cambie to show our support and solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

Given our long and strong relationship with the City of Odessa, and Canada's support for the government and people of Ukraine, the Protocol Office has arranged for City Hall and Burrard Bridge to be illuminated blue and yellow starting tonight until March 2. The Protocol Office is also arranging for 12 Ukrainian flags to be installed on the flag island at 12<sup>th</sup> and Cambie starting on Friday, March 4 until March 21.

There are approximately 230,000 people of Ukrainian descent living in British Columbia, and 60,000 living in the Vancouver area. Many are worried about friends and family living in Ukraine. The illumination of City Hall and Burrard Bridge, along with the installation of Ukrainian flags on City Hall campus are small but meaningful ways the City can show support for our residents as well as the citizens of Odessa and across the entire Ukraine.

If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Matthews, Chief, External Relations and Protocol at [lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca](mailto:lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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