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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"](#)

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Subject: [Update: Imminent Invitation to the Red Dress Day Gathering - May 5th 2022](#)

Attachments: [2022 Red Dress Gathering May 5 Event.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor and Council,

The PAFNW Indigenous Women Council is hosting the Red Dress Day Gathering on May 5th, 2022 at 12:00-2:00pm for the MMIWG2S National Day of Action. This event will take place behind City hall on the grass. Please see the attached poster.

Staff have been advised that Council will receive an invitation to attend the event from PAFNW. Likely it will be sent tomorrow.

Mayor and Council will not be asked to speak at this event but if you do attend, you may/will be called as a witness. Witnesses are given coin offerings and are tasked with sharing what happened during the event so that the story will be told and people will be made aware. If you are asked to witness, this is an important task and will require you to be present for the duration of the ceremony. It is also important to note that it is possible the ceremony may extend beyond 2 pm so holding some additional time in your calendar would be prudent.

This is an important event for the community and staff would recommend that there be some members of Council in attendance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandra Singh. She can also provide information on the role of witnesses if you require some additional information.

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 səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



RED DRESS DAY
GATHERING AT
VANCOUVER
CITY HALL
May 5, 2022
12PM-2PM PDT

May 5th National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit+

Together we will gather and honour our sisters and families of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit+

We welcome two-spirit & gender diverse people to join us! 

On May 5th, we wear the colour RED, connecting our bloodlines and the sacred earth that grounds us. We will have a red dress display with speakers from families of MMIWG2S+

WE ARE GATHERED IN PEACE AND HONOR

Bring your drums and red dresses!

Respecting our past, present and future generations.

Featuring

Uplifting each other and sharing our strengths.

Welcome address - Mary Point, Musqueam Nation
Virtual keynote speaker - Kúkpi7 Judy Wilson of UBCIC
Master of ceremonies and performance by JB the First Lady
Guest speakers and special performances by traditional dancers and drummers
Open mic and more!

Raising awareness about ending violence against Indigenous women, girls and their families.

Watch the Facebook Livestream:
www.fb.me/e/1QYK4WTLh

Questions? Contact:
pafnwworkshops@gmail.com

If attending in person, please practice social distancing and wear a mask

Wear Red, Post a Picture & Tag: #MMIWG2S #MMIWG #MMIW #NationalDayofAwareness #NoMoreStolenSisters