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Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are aware, an event hosted by the Pacific Association of First Nations Women (**PAFNW**) and in partnership with a community planning committee, a Red Dress Gathering event is taking place tomorrow on City Hall grounds as a public reminder and collective call to action to support the implementation of recommendations from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry. Staff have confirmed that the event is being Livestreamed via Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

In addition to the Red Dress Gathering, the City's Engineering Department is assisting PAFNW and the planning committee in the installation of a Red Dress display on the Burrard Street Bridge. The display was designed by artist **Manuel Strain** to commemorate the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People. The installation will feature a number of red dresses and banners that will be suspended at various points across the bridge.

Engineering staff will work with PAFNW and community Elders to install the display in advance of the Red Dress Gathering taking place at City Hall later in the day. The display on the Burrard Street Bridge will remain up at the organizers request until the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. As well, the Burrard bridge will also be illuminated in Red on the evening of May 5<sup>th</sup>.

I appreciate the leadership of the Indigenous staff in ACCS (Rachel Wuttunee) and Engineering Services (Neesha Pooni), along with other staff, for supporting these efforts.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sandra Singh or Lon LaClaire.

Best,  
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