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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

The following media statement regarding the observance of a civic holiday for the City of Vancouver on Sept. 19 in recognition of the Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II will be issued shortly.

Please keep this news embargoed pending release from the City media email account.

Best,
Paul

**City of Vancouver
Media statement
September 15, 2022**

City of Vancouver recognizes September 19 as civic holiday

Earlier this week, the federal and provincial governments announced a national holiday on Monday, September 19, 2022 to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. This morning, following the lead of the federal and provincial governments, Vancouver City Council declared September 19 as a civic holiday.

City Hall will be closed on Monday. Other essential City public services will continue operating, and 3-1-1 will remain open from 7 am to 10 pm as usual. More information is available for City Services at: <https://vancouver.ca/online-services.aspx>.

Park Board facilities will be open and will be adding options for families who find themselves without childcare and/or youth care support. Recreation facilities will remain open as they have been deemed an essential service to their communities. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will be posting a list of additional programs being offered for school-aged children on Monday, September 19 at vancouver.ca/recreation at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 16.

Vancouver Public Library branches will remain open as per usual Monday hours. More information can be found at www.vpl.ca/hours-locations.

As a City of Reconciliation, the City maintains its commitment to advancing [the Truth and Reconciliation calls-to-action](#), including the importance of educating the public on the ongoing impacts of colonization. The City recognizes that this day will likely bring up a variety of complex and varied emotions for people of all backgrounds, and we encourage people across Vancouver to use the day as one of reflection.

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.