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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City and Park Board will be jointly issuing an information bulletin on Thursday, November 24, 2022 to provide an update to the public on the barge following its complete deconstruction and removal. Assessments have been completed and while we await the results, fencing and barriers around the site have been removed and the impacted area has fully reopened.

Best,

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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 səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

**City of Vancouver
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
Information Bulletin
November 24th, 2022**

Vancouver says goodbye to the English Bay Barge

Last week, just over a year after it became stranded near Sunset Beach during an atmospheric river event, the final pieces of the English Bay Barge have been removed.

Throughout the 15-week deconstruction operation, Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd., the firm contracted by the barge owner's representative, safely loaded debris from the site onto a secondary barge to be towed away for recycling or disposal.

Now that the barge has been removed, assessments have also been completed to determine impacts to the shoreline, habitat and environment. We are awaiting the final results of those assessments to determine any necessary follow-on activities.

While the seawall has remained open throughout the deconstruction process, the fencing and barriers around the work site have now been removed and the impacted area has fully reopened.

The City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation thank the public for their patience during this operation, as well as the multiple agencies and stakeholders involved in the response.

Background:

On November 15, 2021 during an atmospheric weather event, a barge weighing 3.5 million pounds drifted loose from its anchor and ran aground adjacent to the seawall at Sunset Beach. Since then, it has become the subject of memes, artwork and even holiday decorations as its frame dominated the shoreline.

The barge was deemed to be a total constructive loss, and despite an attempt to refloat it, the barge could not be

towed away. As such, it was determined that the barge would be [deconstructed on site in sections](#) by the contractor appointed by the barge owner's representative, Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd. (VanPile).

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Note to editors:

For more information including week-by-week updates and images from the deconstruction work, please visit VanPile's project website at [EnglishBayBarge.ca](#).

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