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From: Mochrie, Paul
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Subject: VAGA New Site Ceremony Invitation

Dear Mayor and Council,

You may have recently received an invite from the Vancouver Art Gallery Association (VAGA) to attend an Indigenous Blessing Ceremony on the morning of November 25, 2022. This email will provide some background on the ceremony.

The Indigenous Blessing Ceremony is taking place at the new home of the Vancouver Art Gallery at Larwill Place, which is currently also the home of 98 residents living in Temporary Modular Housing (TMH).

In line with Indigenous protocols, this Blessing Ceremony is organized to mark a further step taking the VAGA closer to breaking ground on the construction of their new gallery building. The Art Gallery has engaged the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations for this blessing to ensure proper protocol is observed, ensuring that the building project starts in a good way. The actual Development Permit issuance for VAGA is anticipated for Spring 2023, with ground-breaking currently slated for Fall 2023. The City of Vancouver, BC Housing, MPA (the TMH operator), and Vancouver Coastal Health, which operates 20 units on the site, will continue to keep residents and staff informed of timelines and relocation plans.

Please note that the ceremony may create some stress and uncertainty for Larwill residents and MPA staff as it highlights the project coming closer to fruition. City of Vancouver and BC Housing staff have informed MPA of the upcoming ceremony ahead of time. MPA will notify residents and staff as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Singh, at sandra.singh@vancouver.ca for more information.

Best,
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.