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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City of Vancouver Archives will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 12, 2023. To celebrate this milestone, the Archives is conducting a campaign via its social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), highlighting 90 different records groups from its holdings during the 90 days leading up to the anniversary. Each post will be tagged with #VanArchives90th, and some of the records groups highlighted include City Council minutes, the Yucho Chow Community Archive Collection, the BC Gay and Lesbian Archives, the Pacific National Exhibition fonds, the Yaletown Productions Ltd. fonds, and other lesser known but important gems.

For a sneak peek at some of these highlights, there is a new "video wall show" playing on the large digital screen opposite the elevators in the City Hall rotunda.

Archives staff plan to participate in a few heritage events during the anniversary period, including one of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's [Lunch and Learn sessions](#) and the Friends of the Vancouver City Archives' Annual General Meeting. There may also be some back-of-house tours offered through the Vancouver Historical Society in the summer. The anniversary will wrap up with the proclamation of June 12<sup>th</sup> as "City of Vancouver Archives Day", scheduled for presentation at Council's meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Mayor and Councillors and Park Board Commissioners will be receiving an invitation for a back-of-house tour of the Archives facility in Vanier Park on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. It is rumoured that there will be cake to complete the tour.

### **About the Archives**

City Council appointed Major James Skitt Matthews as the first City Archivist on June 12, 1933, officially establishing the City Archives. It was the first municipal archives in English Canada, and its current home in Vanier Park, opened in 1972, was the first purpose-built municipal archives in Canada. The Archives houses the City's records of enduring value, as well as a diverse range of private-sector records from businesses, organizations, families and individuals related to Vancouver.

The second-largest archival institution in BC, the Archives currently holds 5 km of textual records, 7.2 million photographs, 82,800 maps and architectural drawings, 2,800 audio recordings, 2,900 film and video recordings, and 91 TB of born-digital and digitized records. On average each year, Archives staff field 2,269 enquiries (email, phone, social media), retrieve 7,936 files for researchers and oversee 1,567 reading room visits.

For more information about the Archives, please visit [vancouver.ca/archives](http://vancouver.ca/archives) or follow on social media at @vanarchives.

Best,  
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