

From: "Mochrie, Paul" <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>

To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

Date: 6/16/2023 5:07:19 PM

Subject: Upcoming news release: Celebrate Indigenous cultures and traditions at Carnegie Centre Street Party on National Indigenous Peoples Day (Ju

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Following on your earlier invitation to Carnegie Centre's National Indigenous Day celebrations, I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing a corresponding news release announcing the festivities, which will take place June 21 from 1-4pm on the 400 block of Main St.

This will be Carnegie's largest National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration to date and the street will be shut down to facilitate a stage for culture sharing performances. In addition, there will be Elders, community tables, and more. This is an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous culture and support the Urban Indigenous community, while furthering the City's commitment to Reconciliation.

Please keep this embargoed until 12:00 pm on June 19th.

Once the news release is live and event details are posted to social, we ask you to share this celebratory news and amplify this event on your own channels.

Best,
Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)
City Manager
City of Vancouver
paul.mochrie@vancouver.ca



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱məθḵw̱əm (Musqueam), Sṇwx̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
News release
June 19, 2023

Celebrate Indigenous cultures and traditions at Carnegie Centre Street Party

on National Indigenous Peoples Day

On Thursday, June 21, the City of Vancouver invites the public to commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day by joining Carnegie Community Centre celebrations starting at 1 pm at the 400 block of Main St.

This cultural event will begin with a welcome from Chief Bill Williams from Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and Carleen Thomas from səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation. The day will also feature crafts, smudging, pop-up performances from Muttdog, Carnegie's lexwst'i:lem drum group, Big Drum with John Sam, dancer Larissa Healey and more cultural sharing performances.

"I'm so proud to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day with Carnegie Community Centre. This year's celebration is their biggest yet, with a whole city block being used to honour the rich vibrancy of Indigenous art, music, and dance," said Mayor Ken Sim. "This community is integral to who we are, and learning more about Indigenous culture as we continue to advance Reconciliation. As we look to the future, it's important that we continue to work to address inequities, advance Reconciliation, and find ways to celebrate and showcase Indigenous Culture."

Main Street, between East Hastings and East Pender, will be closed between 11 am and 6 pm, offering a stage for cultural performances, community organization tables, and opportunities for the DTES community to gather and celebrate. It will be a chance for the City of Vancouver to uplift and support the Urban Indigenous community in a remarkable way.

Please plan your route accordingly: drivers are cautioned to use alternative routes and exercise patience while navigating the area.

As a [City of Reconciliation](#), the City remains committed to guiding its work with the 94 Calls to Action identified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, in particular the calls to action identified in the [2016 Council report](#) on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and the recommendations outlined in the [MMIWG2S Response Report](#), adopted by City Council in 2022.

We are deeply indebted to the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwx̌ľu817 _wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations who continue to inhabit and steward these lands every day since time immemorial.

To learn more about the National Indigenous People's Day 2023 event with Carnegie Community Centre, visit [the Facebook event page](#).