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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"
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Subject: Xwayxway Singing with the Ancestors JULY 21 from 1-3pm at Xwayxway (Stanley Park)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the following invitation to join the Singing with the Ancestors event on Friday, July 21st from 1 to 3 pm in Stanley Park with Chief Janice George and Willie Lewis Jr, from Squamish Nation.

Please register for attendance to ensure your seat, bannock and gift of remembrance of the day. The registration link and details are provided below.

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), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

XWAYXWAY

Singing with the Ancestors

Friday, July 21, 2023 1-3pm



Location: Near Susan Point, People Amongst the People gateways, just west of the Stanley Park Totem Poles

Hear the story of the 2006 Stanley Park storm and the return of the Ancestors with Chief Janice George, share songs from the Nation, enjoy bannock and a gift to remember this story and this day.

Register here



Everyone welcome



[Register here for XWAYXWAY SINGING WITH THE ANCESTORS](#)

Come learn some Stanley Park history! Join Chief Janice George with Willie Lewis Jr. and a group of Squamish singers to honour the ancestors who lived in Stanley Park for thousands of years. We will hear the history of the Xwayxway (Stanley Park) Ancestors who were returned after hundreds of years and the great windstorm that followed, causing many trees to be blown down. We are grateful for this opportunity to hear the amazing story from Chief Janice George who led the repatriation for Squamish Nation. We will hear the story of the return of the Ancestors, share songs from the Nation, eat bannock and share a gift to remember this story and this day.

Chief Janice George is from a prominent Squamish family and has numerous ceremonial and cultural

responsibilities within her community. She graduated from Capilano University and the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is a hereditary chief, museum curator and educator, co-curator and co-designer of the Squamish and Lil'wat Cultural Centre in Whistler, BC., and the new Vancouver Art Gallery. Chief George received the national Dreamcatcher Award in 2010 for outstanding contribution to her community in the area of arts and culture. Since the age of 18, her formal and informal job has been to interview, record, and learn from the Squamish Nation Elders, her most honoured teachings.

Everyone welcome

Ma chexw uys Siyam, join us honoured guests!