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Subject: Invitation to Mayor and Council - May 5th Event - Missing and Murdered Indigenous

Women, Girls & Two Spirit

Attachments: National Day of Awareness Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Girls+ Join

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Dear Mayor and Council,

You are cordially invited to attend the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S) Awareness Day Event hosted by the Indigenous Women Rise Society. The event will take place on **Sunday, May 5th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Grandview Park** (1657 Charles Street, Vancouver, BC).

In previous years, May 5th events have been held at City Hall to raise awareness and garner support from the City Council and City staff. The Pacific Association of First Nations Women (PAFNW) hosted the 2019 and 2020 events, as well as the October 4th, 2020 Day of Action event at City Hall. In 2022, the May 5th event was hosted by the Indigenous Women Rise Society.

During the event, families of those who have been lost and survivors of violence will share their stories, and we extend our invitation for you to listen to their experiences. This event provides a valuable opportunity to connect with the community, advance reconciliation efforts, and gain deeper insights into the challenges faced by Indigenous women and two-spirit individuals in Vancouver.

Indigenous Women Rise also hopes that the Mayor and City Councillors will consider speaking at this event. A separate request is being submitted to the Mayor's office in this regard.

We hope you can join for this important event. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Rachel Wuttunee, Senior Manager of Urban Indigenous Relations, at <a href="mailto:rachel.wuttunee@vancouver.ca">rachel.wuttunee@vancouver.ca</a>.

Best, Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him) City Manager City of Vancouver



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