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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: News release - Vancouver's summer events season is back! (June 21, 2024)

Good morning Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the following news release this morning (June 21) regarding the 2024 summer events season schedule.

You will note we've included a brief passage that the Dragon Boat Festival will proceed as planned this weekend.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,
Paul

City of Vancouver
News Release
June 21, 2024

Vancouver's summer events season is back!

Get ready for an eventful summer outdoors in Vancouver! Annual favourites like the Jazz Festival, Pride, Celebration of Light and Khatsalano Street Party, along with many others, are once again bringing the fun back to Vancouver this summer.

"Summer in Vancouver is simply unbeatable," said Mayor Ken Sim. "Whether you're chilling at the Jazz Festival, watching fireworks on the beach, or joining one of our many cultural celebrations, you can be part of what makes this city truly special and support the local economy. I'm excited to attend many of these festivities over the next couple of months and celebrate our vibrant city and its unique and diverse communities."

Upcoming summer events in Vancouver

*As of time of issuance.

June

- **National Indigenous People Day**, June 21
- **Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival**, June 22 – 23
- **Vancouver International Jazz Festival**, June 21 - 30
- **Vancouver Half Marathon**, June 23
- **Greek Day on Broadway**, June 23

July

- **Canada Day | Canada Together**, July 1
- **Carnaval del Sol**, July 5 - 7
- **Khatsalano Street Party**, July 6
- **Global Relay Gastown Grand Prix**, July 10
- **Vancouver Chinatown Music Festival**, July 13 - 14
- **Vancouver Folk Music Festival**, July 19 - 21
- **Honda Celebration of Light**, July 20, 24, 27

- **Canada Pride**, July 26 – August 4

August

- **Powell Street Festival**, August 3 - 4
- **Vancouver Pride Parade**, August 4
- **Vancouver Mural Festival**, August 8 –11
- **African Descent Festival**, August 9 - 11
- **50th Festival of India – Vancouver Ratha Yatra**, August 17 – 18
- **Granville Block Party**, August 24 – 25
- **Vancouver TAIWANFest**, August 30 – September 2

September

- **Car Free Day on Commercial Drive**, September 7
- **Bike the Night**, September 14
- **Fire Dragon Festival**, September 14
- **Car Free Day on Main Street**, September 15
- **Eastside 10k**, September 22

**** Dragon Boat BC will proceed as planned.**

Plan ahead to attend

To help these events operate as smoothly as possible, attendees are encouraged to:

- Walk, bike, roll, Mobi or take transit to and from events whenever possible
- Be mindful of road closures.
- Don't let waste become litter: put waste in its place in the nearest garbage, recycling or organics bin.
- Be considerate of the neighbourhood and keep noise to a minimum when leaving.

For those cycling to the event, please review the event's website for information on where you can park your bike:

- TransLink also sponsors a number of **bike valets and bike parkades** including the Vancouver City Centre Bike Valet.
- **Granville Island** offers free secure bike valet.
- **BEST** also operates a number of bike valets across the city.

Resources\

If you are travelling in and around the event areas, plan ahead and expect delays.

- Follow all detours and abide by no parking signs in the area.\
- Learn more about **road closures** across the city.
- Follow #VanTraffic or use our **traffic cameras** to check traffic conditions along your commute.
- Visit **translink.ca/alerts** for changes or disruptions to your bus service.\

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