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Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Chief Fry, I regret to advise that Captain Hegedus died this morning from an occupationally-acquired illness. You will recall the proclamation issued on August 2 recognizing Ron and his 24 years of service to Vancouver.

Our thoughts are with Ron's family, friends and the entire VFRS team as they grieve this tragic loss.

Best,  
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



# VFRS INTERHALL CORRESPONDANCE

Hall No: Headquarters Date: August 16, 2024  
To: All Staff  
From: Karen Fry, Fire Chief  
Subject: **Ron Hegedus**

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ron Hegedus, who died peacefully this morning at his hospice, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Ron proudly served as a Vancouver firefighter for over 24 years and attained the rank of Captain. Tragically, he succumbed to a disease contracted as a result of his career.

Ron and his family wish to express their profound gratitude to everyone who visited him during his final days. On August 2nd, in the presence of his wife Shelly, Mayor Sim, Chief Fry, President Davison, City of Vancouver Staff, and Vancouver firefighters, both unionized and exempt, Ron was honored with a proclamation from Mayor Sim declaring August 2nd as Ron Hegedus Day. His sacrifice will always be remembered.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. Let us keep Ron's family, friends, and all those who were closely connected with him in our thoughts and hearts.

To support our department through these difficult times counselling services will be set up starting tomorrow, details as follows:

Paulo Matos: (604) 789-5046 - [paulo@aspirewellness.ca](mailto:paulo@aspirewellness.ca)

Availability:

- Friday, August 16: 12pm-2pm
- Monday, August 19: 2:30pm - 5:30pm
- Wed, Aug 21: 11am - 1:30pm
- Thurs, Aug 22: 4pm - 5:30pm
- Fri, Aug 23: 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 5:30pm

Ria Nishikawara: (604) 396-2473 or [ria@riacounselling.com](mailto:ria@riacounselling.com)

Availability:

- Tuesday, Aug 20 11-3
- Wednesday, Aug 21 8:30-11:30
- Friday, Aug 23 9-12 noon

In addition, one valuable resource is our website, [www.vanfirewellness.com](http://www.vanfirewellness.com). This online platform offers a wealth of information, articles, self-help resources and coping strategies specifically designed to support the mental well-being of fire fighters. It serves as a confidential and convenient outlet for individuals seeking guidance and support.

Our CISM Team and Mental Health Team are here to assist you in navigating the mental health system and finding the help you need for your situation; they can provide guidance and support tailored to your specific needs. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for assistance.

Also, remember you can access Homewood Health anytime at 1-800-663-1142.

Information regarding funeral arrangements will be announced when appropriate.

As we grieve and remember Ron and his family, it is important to remember that we are all one family and we can be there for one another; to support, to listen, to reach out and to send love.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Fry".

Karen Fry  
Fire Chief