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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

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Subject: Upcoming news release: VFRS Captain Hegedus Memorial (September 3, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release on September 3 regarding VFRS Captain Hegedus' funeral procession and resulting road closures. Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 11 am.

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

Best,
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**Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services
News release
September 3, 2024**

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services honour Captain Ron Hegedus

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) will honour Captain Ron Hegedus and pay respects to his family during a funeral procession and service on September 5 in downtown Vancouver.

Capt. Hegedus passed away on August 16, 2024, after a courageous battle with occupational cancer.

"Capt. Hegedus was more than just a firefighter - he was a true hero who met every challenge with courage and commitment," said Mayor Ken Sim. "Ron's legacy isn't just about service and sacrifice; it's a powerful reminder of the incredible impact one person can have on an entire community."

"Capt. Ron Hegedus was a proud Vancouver firefighter for over 24 years," said VFRS Fire Chief Karen Fry. "Tragically, he succumbed to his battle with cancer, a disease that he contracted as a result of his career. As a City and department, we will continue to honor his sacrifice and continue to do everything we can to reduce cancer risks for firefighters. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and colleagues."

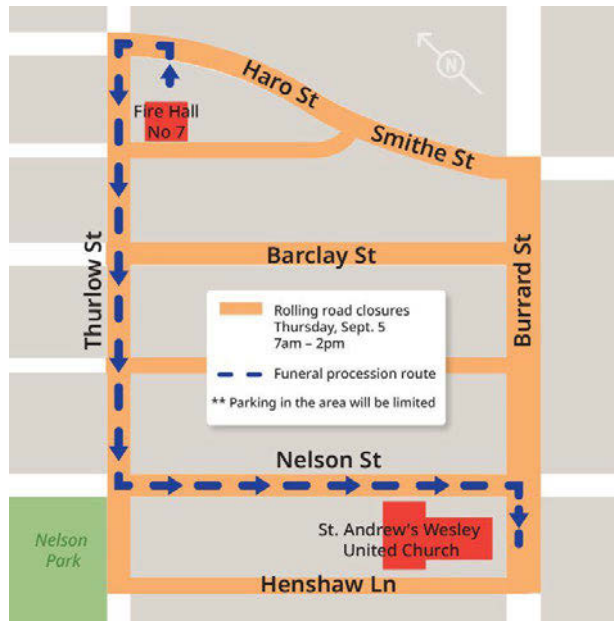
President Katrina Davison of IAFF Local 18 also paid tribute to Capt. Hegedus, saying, "Ron was more than just a colleague — he was a friend, mentor and leader to us all. His warm presence, both in the halls and beyond, will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him."

The funeral procession and motorcade will take place on Thursday, September 5 at 8:50 am for those wanting to observe and pay respects. There will be rolling road closures between 7 am and 2 pm on the following streets:

- 1000 Smithe St (Thurlow to Burrard) 7 am-9 am
- 1000 Haro St (Cul-de-sac to Thurlow) 7 am-9 am
- 800-1000 Thurlow St (Rosemary Brown Ln to Henshaw Ln) 9 am-10 am

- 1000 Nelson St (Thurlow to Burrard) 10 am-2 pm
- 800-1000 Burrard St (Nelson to Smithe) 10 am-2 pm

Street parking around St. Andrew's Wesley Church will be limited. See map of the road closures.



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