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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"
Date: 10/7/2024 10:17:35 AM
Subject: RE: Upcoming News Release - City launches community engagement addressing Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent (October 7, 2024)

Mayor and Council,

My apologies – the timing of this announcement has been delayed until later this week.

Angela will follow up to confirm once the release has been issued and the web/social media links are live.

Best,
Paul

From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2024 8:11 AM
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL
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Subject: Upcoming News Release - City launches community engagement addressing Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent (October 7, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release today, October 7 regarding the community engagement addressing Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent.

Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 1 pm.

As mentioned in the news release, this engagement is the result of a Council decision. Please also be aware that staff are concurrently working on the City's Anti-Racism Action Plan, also that there is a City-led community engagement for Anti-Black Racism forthcoming in 2025.

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

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱ ḵ y̱ m̱ (Musqueam), S̱ wxw̱7mesh (Squamish), and s̱ lilw̱ ta̱ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
News Release
October 7, 2024

City launches community engagement addressing *Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent*

The City of Vancouver has launched a community engagement process to hear from members of South Asian Canadian communities about historical discrimination and ongoing racism in Vancouver.

The engagement is one of the outcomes of the [Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent interim report](#), which was endorsed by City Council in July 2022.

City staff invite members of South Asian Canadian communities with ties to Vancouver to share their perspectives at [ShapeYourCity.ca/SAC](#).

Here are some ways members of South Asian Canadian communities with ties to Vancouver can get involved:

- Complete the Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent **online survey** by Friday, January 31, 2025.
- Identify current and historical spaces that are important to the community on the **South Asian Canadian Cultural Spaces map**.
- Participate in upcoming **focus groups** and **community sessions**.

Full details on the City's actions to address historical discrimination against people of South Asian Canadian descent can be found at [Vancouver.ca/south-asian-canadian-discrimination](#).

Learnings from the engagement will be presented to Vancouver City Council in 2025 along with recommendations the City could take towards cultural redress with South Asian Canadian communities. Findings will also help shape the City's forthcoming Anti-Racism Action Plan and other related City projects.

"This engagement process will not only help to record and celebrate the history, stories, important spaces and experiences of South Asian Canadians in Vancouver", said Mayor Ken Sim. "It will also inform how our City Council can take meaningful action to repair trust and uplift this incredible community going forward."

The City of Vancouver is committed to upholding the rights and dignity of all people, addressing historic and current systemic injustice, and reducing harm, as outlined in the City's [Equity Framework](#).

You can learn more about the City's Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress work at [Vancouver.ca/anti-racism](#).

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