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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council -](#)

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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: M5.1 Earthquake felt within the city of Vancouver
(February 21, 2025)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin regarding this afternoon's earthquake. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account.

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

Best,

Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x m k y m (Musqueam), S wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s lilw ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
February 21, 2025

M5.1 Earthquake felt within the city of Vancouver

A M5.1 earthquake near Sechelt was felt in the city of Vancouver at approximately 1:26 pm PST today. The City is currently not aware of any injuries as a result of this event.

Today's event calls for a level 1 response under the City's Earthquake Response Plan. This includes immediate inspection of our bridges by the City's structural engineering consultants which are now underway.

An alert was issued through BC Emergency Alert and the City's alerting system, [Alertable](#) at the time of this event.

When an earthquake happens

When the ground starts to shake or you receive an alert, remember to DROP, COVER and HOLD ON to stay safe. Drop to the ground, take cover by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it until the shaking stops.

If you are unable to drop to the ground, lower your head to your knees while seated and cover your head and neck with your arms.

When the shaking stops, hold your position and count to 60 seconds. Be aware that aftershocks may occur.

Drop, cover and hold on any time you feel shaking.

Only call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies, and do not call to ask for information.

Be prepared: actions you can take

[Download the Alertable app](#) to receive notifications from the City of Vancouver about significant and urgent emergencies.

To learn more about how to better prepare your household and workplace for an emergency, visit the [Emergency Preparedness page](#) on [vancouver.ca](#).

Follow [City of Vancouver](#) and [Emergency Info BC](#) online for updates on this incident.

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