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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council"

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Subject: Upcoming news release: Last Call Audit (April 23, 2025)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release on April 23 regarding the Last Call Audit – Phase 2 of a City-funded program run by Good Night Out Vancouver to address safety in Vancouver hospitality and nightlife spaces. Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account tomorrow.

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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City of Vancouver
News Release
April 23, 2023

Raising the bar: Good Night Out launches 'Last Call Audit' to champion safer and inclusive hospitality venues across Vancouver

Hospitality venues across Vancouver can now earn recognition for their efforts to create safer and more inclusive spaces.

Launched this week to coincide with *Prevention of Violence Against Women Week* (April 20–26), the [Last Call Audit](#) is a free and voluntary program funded by the City of Vancouver and run in partnership with Good Night Out Vancouver that assesses hospitality establishments' violence prevention practices, and equips staff with tools to create safer nights out for everyone.

The Last Call Audit evaluates key safety measures, such as maintaining up-to-date workplace harassment policies and having clear procedures for addressing worker and patron complaints about discrimination or misconduct. Participating venues receive resources, tools and support from Good Night Out Vancouver, to enhance both worker and patron safety, and pass the audit. Those that exceed expectations are celebrated for setting a new standard in fostering safety and inclusivity across Vancouver's nightlife.

"We all have a role to play in making Vancouver a city where safety and enjoyment go hand in hand," said Mayor Ken Sim. "Public safety has been a top priority for my office and City Council since day one, and initiatives like the Last Call Audit reflect our commitment to protecting workers, supporting local businesses, and ensuring that everyone who contributes to the vibrancy of our neighbourhoods feels safe and valued."

"This initiative is about giving venues the tools to assess where they're at, celebrate what they're doing well, and take actionable steps toward creating safer, more inclusive spaces for everyone who works or socializes in them," said Stacey Forrester, Education Director at Good Night Out Vancouver. "For patrons, it means being able to recognize and support establishments that are actively working to make nightlife safer and more accountable. It also signals a cultural shift—away from siloed efforts and toward shared responsibility—where safety isn't just expected, it's visible and valued. We look forward to working with local establishments on getting them credentialed."

According to preliminary data from Good Night Out's most recent safety survey, 82% of respondents

reported that they would more likely recommend, and increase their spending at, establishments where there are visible safety measures.

Bars, restaurants, cafes, hotels and nightclubs interested in learning more about the Last Call Audit can go to [LastCallProject.ca](https://lastcallproject.ca) or email education@goodnightoutvancouver.com.

The City of Vancouver has recognized April 23, 2025, as “Safer Spaces in Hospitality Day” recognizing that ensuring the safety and well-being of both workers and patrons in hospitality establishments is essential to fostering an inclusive and welcoming community.

The City of Vancouver provided funding to Good Night Out Vancouver to roll out [Phase 1 of the Last Call Project in 2023/24](#) and to roll out Phase 2 —the Last Call Audit— in 2025/26. The City has been taking steps to advance women's equity, including creating the [2018-2028 Women's Equity Strategy: A City for all Women](#). The Last Call Project aligns with these efforts and is an example of the City's commitment to promoting safety and inclusivity for all residents and visitors.

About the Last Call Project

Created in 2023 as a collaborative project between [Good Night Out Vancouver](#), the City of Vancouver and local businesses, the Last Call Project was designed to foster a collective approach to address and prevent sexual violence in Vancouver’s hospitality and nightlife sector.

Access more [Good Night Out Vancouver Street Team data](#)

Learn more about the [project history of Good Night Out](#).

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