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Subject: Invitation for Mayor and Council to the Zachary George Welcome Pole Ceremony on Saturday, June 21, 2025

Good morning Mayor and Council,

Below please find information from Margaret Wittgens, GM, Arts Culture and Community Services regarding an invitation to join the Blessing Ceremony for Zachary George's səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Welcome Pole for ʂxʷłexən Xwtl'a7shn plaza of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. (Pronunciation guide: [Plaza Naming Project | City of Vancouver](#))

As part of the city's Public Art team-led 2019 Call for Artist-Initiated Projects, the Public Art Program commissioned artist Zachary George to create a səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Welcome Pole for ʂxʷłexən Xwtl'a7shn plaza of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The artwork will reflect the rich history of land use in the Robson Street corridor by the local Nations for the hunting and harvesting of food, and will honour the legacy of the artist's grandfather, the late Chief Dan George.

We invite you to the Blessing Ceremony to unveil this house post on National Indigenous Peoples Day, Saturday, June 21st from 9:00am-11:00am at 630 Hamilton Street.

For further information, please feel free to contact Margaret directly at margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca.

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