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Subject: Council Memo - Financial Supports for Vancouver Pride Festival and Italian Day on the Drive - RTS 18386 and 18709

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Provides an update on the implementation of three Council motions supporting Vancouver Pride Festival and Italian Day on the Drive.
- One-time grants have been delivered in the amounts of \$75,000 to the Vancouver Pride Society and \$60,000 to the Italian Day Festival Society.
- Staff continue to support event planning, coordination, and operational requirements for both organizations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Thanks,

Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)

City Manager

City of Vancouver



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: City Leadership Team
Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Jason Twa, City Clerk
Mellisa Morphy, Acting Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Financial Supports for Vancouver Pride Festival and Italian Day on the Drive

RTS #: 18386 & 18709

This memo provides an update on the implementation of the following Council motions:

- [Cementing the City of Vancouver's Support for Pride Weekend](#) raised by Council on December 10, 2025.
- [Supporting Italian Day on Commercial Drive in 2026](#) raised by Council on May 20, 2026.
- [Pride in Vancouver: Strengthening and Celebrating the Vancouver Pride Festival](#) raised by Council on June 3, 2026.

Staff have confirmed that one time grant amounts were delivered the week of June 22, 2026 in the amount of:

- \$75,000 to the Vancouver Pride Society
- \$60,000 to the Italian Day Festival Society

The City, through Film and Special Events (FASE) staff, remains committed to supporting both organizations and their events.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

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