

From: ["van Dyk, Donny"](#)

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Subject: Memo to Mayor and Council - Amphitheater Opening

Attachments: REFM - Memo to Mayor Council - Freedom Mobile Arch Project Completion (2026-05-26).pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager, regarding the Freedom Mobile Arch project at the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE), which has now been completed and is ready for occupancy and full operational use.

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 səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager
Chris Freek, Director of Civic Engagement & Communications
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Teresa Jong, Administrative Services Manager, City Manager's Office
Mellisa Morphy, Director of Policy, Mayor's Office
Trevor Ford, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

FROM: Armin Amrolia, General Manager, Real Estate, Environment & Facilities Management

SUBJECT: Freedom Mobile Arch Project Completion

RTS #: N/A

The Freedom Mobile Arch project at the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) has been completed and is ready for occupancy and full operational use.

The new amphitheatre constitutes a significant civic and entertainment infrastructure investment within the Hastings Park campus. With a seating capacity of 10,000, and a roof that is the longest spanning timber arch in the world at 360ft across and 80ft high, the project has received an international award for design excellence.

Freedom Mobile will host the inaugural event at the amphitheatre on June 5th, marking the commencement of regular operations. The site will then serve as a FIFA fanfest site that will showcase the facilities capabilities as a premiere entertainment destination. Following FIFA related programming, the facility will continue to operate as a premiere regional venue supporting a diverse range of concerts, festivals, and cultural programming activities throughout the year.

Sincerely,



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