



The City of Vancouver is located on the traditional unceded territories of the x̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and Seḻílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations who have lived on these lands since time immemorial. Our work on anti-racism and cultural redress continues to be informed by our [commitment to Reconciliation](#).

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Hello,

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Here are highlights of our latest anti-racism and cultural redress actions:

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- **City Council approves \$4.3 Million in funding for cultural organizations**
- **Affordable Housing for Jewish Community Members: Dogwood Gardens now open**

Join the advisory group for Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Descent

Are you passionate about addressing historical discrimination against people of South Asian descent in Vancouver? Do you have a unique perspective to share, whether it be from personal experience, academic research, artistic expression, or community leadership? Then we invite you to join our Cultural Redress Advisory group!

As a member of this group, you will have the opportunity to assist in shaping the recommendations for addressing discrimination and providing redress for Vancouver's South Asian communities. Your input and guidance will play a crucial role in the creation of a final report to Council.

We are looking for a broad cross-section of individuals, including but not limited to:

- Those with lived experience of discrimination and racism
- Individuals with multiple intersecting identities
- Academics, historians, researchers, artists
- Youth, seniors, stay-at-home parents, newcomers
- Professionals, business and community leaders

Together, we can work towards creating a community that is inclusive and just for all.

[Submit your application](#) by February 6, 2023.

Council adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism

On November 16, 2022 City Council took a stance against the alarming rise of antisemitism and anti-Jewish hate crimes by approving the adoption of the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance \(IHRA\) non-legally binding working definition of anti-Semitism](#). This is a crucial step in the City's ongoing commitment to advancing Reconciliation, equity, anti-racism, and to combatting all forms of hatred.

With this adoption, the City is taking a strong stand against antisemitism in Vancouver, sending a message that acts of hate will not be tolerated and that the City stands in solidarity with those who are targeted. We encourage you to read [the full motion and learn more](#).

City Council approves \$4.3 Million for equity focused funding for cultural sector

On November 17 the City announced a major investment in the arts and culture scene, with City Council's approval of \$4.3 million in grants to 208 cultural organizations. This equity centred funding will support a range of programs and services for artists, cultural groups and the public and introduces a new initiative offering multi-year funding to participating organizations.

Funded organizations include:

- [Heritage Vancouver](#): Received \$16,000 for the [Sliced Mango Collective](#), an organization that centers Filipinx identity and culture for youth, providing a sense of belonging and a space for connection with their roots through art, performance, and community work.
- [The Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop Society \(ACWW\)](#): Received \$9,000 to support the [2023 LiterASIAN Festival](#), celebrating the works of Asian Canadian and racialized writers. The LiterASIAN Festival is the longest running Asian-inspired writers festival in North America.
- [The LIVE Biennial of Performance Art Society](#): Received \$10,000 for a creative residency of a Black emerging performance artist, [Chipo Chipaziwa](#). The residency will document the experiences of established racialized Vancouver performance artists and share it through a podcast.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Affordable Housing for Jewish Community Members: Dogwood Gardens now open

Dogwood Gardens, a new complex of 138 affordable homes in the Cambie Gardens area, has been opened through a partnership between [S.U.C.C.E.S.S.](#), [Tikva](#) and the City. Developed through the City's inclusionary housing policy, 30 of the 138 units are primarily for Jewish community members. The development also includes an amenity space, children's play area, parking and storage.

The complex will provide Jewish community members with a safe and affordable living space, and co-management by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and Tikva ensures culturally appropriate and affordable living for all residents. This is a positive step towards addressing the lack of diverse and accessible housing options in Vancouver and providing a practical solution to Jewish community members. The Dogwood Gardens complex stands as an example of how collaboration and innovative policies can work towards creating more inclusive and equitable communities.

For more information, [read our release](#).

Do you have any questions about our anti-racism and cultural redress work? Share them with us at: equity@vancouver.ca