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Official Statement from Mayor Ken Sim on the Day of Remembrance and Mourning

VANCOUVER, BC - Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim released the following statement recognizing May 2 as a day of remembrance and mourning for the victims of the tragic event following the Lapu Lapu Day festival:

“Today, the City of Vancouver stands with the Province of British Columbia in marking May 2 as a day of remembrance and mourning for the victims of the tragic violence that followed the Lapu Lapu Day celebration.

What happened last Saturday was one of the darkest days in our city’s history. A celebration meant to uplift community, culture, and pride was shattered by an unthinkable act of violence. The pain caused by this tragedy has been felt far beyond the festival grounds, impacting families, friends, and loved ones across Vancouver and throughout British Columbia.

We are devastated. We are heartbroken. And we are standing together in grief and in solidarity.

On behalf of the City of Vancouver, I want to thank Premier David Eby and the Government of British Columbia for acknowledging the depth of this tragedy and creating space for all of us to mourn.

To the families who lost loved ones, to those recovering from injury or trauma, and to every community affected: our hearts are with you. Though the Lapu Lapu Day celebration was rooted in Filipino heritage, the impact of this tragedy has touched people of all backgrounds. This was a loss felt by our entire city. We will continue to work with all those affected to ensure that this tragedy, and the lives lost, are never forgotten. Their stories, their contributions, and their memories will remain a part of Vancouver’s shared history.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to the members of the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services, BC Emergency Health Services, and our 911 dispatch teams. In the midst of chaos, our first responders showed strength and compassion. They protected lives, supported victims, and helped us begin to process the unthinkable.

In the face of heartbreak, I have witnessed the incredible resilience and unity that define Vancouver. People from all walks of life have come together to offer comfort, to share in grief, and to begin the difficult process of healing. That spirit of care and community is what gives me hope.

Because this is Vancouver. And in moments of sorrow, we come together. We support one another. And we stand united.”

– Mayor Ken Sim
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