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## Message from **MAYOR GREGOR ROBERTSON**



On behalf of all Vancouver residents and City Council, I am honoured to welcome you to Pride 2017.

Vancouver's Pride Parade and Festival is one of the biggest and best in the world, attracting hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors every year to show support and join in the festivities. Besides being a fabulous time, Pride is a celebration of hard-fought progress in the community's work to secure legal and lived equality. Pride is also a time to celebrate Vancouver's commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion.

This year the City of Vancouver is once again excited to celebrate the launch of Pride Week at Jim Deva Plaza in the heart of Davie Village. Jim was an inspiration to many. His irrepressible courage

and tireless advocacy for equal rights and free expression played an enormous role in shaping the city that Vancouver is today. As Mayor, it was an honour and a privilege to march with Jim each year at Vancouver Pride, and his legacy continues to inspire our work to keep building a safer, prouder, more inclusive and more equal Vancouver.

I would once again like to thank the Vancouver Pride Society, its sponsors, and the dedicated team of volunteers for hosting such a world-class celebration of culture, freedom, and community spirit in Vancouver.

On behalf of the City of Vancouver and the City's LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, Happy Pride!



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## Message from the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



On behalf of the Vancouver Pride Society's Board of Directors, we welcome you to the **39th Annual Pride Season**.

We want to start by acknowledging that Pride is celebrated on the occupied, traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples — the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwəta<sup>?</sup>/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate on this beautiful land.

As our festivities get underway, it is an opportunity for all of us to remember why we celebrate. While many of us live the lives we want, members of the LGBTQ2+ community in other parts of the world, like Chechnya, live in fear. We support them in their ongoing struggle for human rights.

The fight for rights around the world can also be a reminder that there is more we can do closer to home. This year marked a significant milestone for transgender rights in Canada thanks to the passing of Bill C-16, which added protections for gender identity and gender expression

in the Human Rights Act and Criminal Code. Despite this legislative victory, the debate surrounding it has been a sobering reminder of the amount of transphobia that exists in our society. It is another reason we need Pride.

Our community also has taken the opportunity to begin some long overdue conversations about making our events more accessible for queer Indigenous people, black queer folks and QTIPoC. We have heard how police involvement in Pride has created barriers for some in our community, and we have made changes to our parade as a result. We will continue to incorporate suggestions made during our community consultations as we work to create the most inclusive, accessible events possible.

We grow by learning from each other. We hope you take time to reflect on **My Pride**, and share your story with your community.

Have a safe and happy Pride!

*Charmaine de Silva & Michelle Fortin*



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## Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society

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## Two-Spirit

The term “Two-Spirit” has a number of meanings within several different contexts. For instance, in contemporary times with the advent of lesbian and gay liberation, Two-Spirit means aboriginal people who identify themselves as gay or lesbian. The terms ‘gay’ and ‘lesbian’ are European in origin. Therefore, Two-Spirit is preferred because it is more culturally relevant to Aboriginal lesbians and gay men.

When the Europeans came to Turtle Island, they brought with them their religions, their values, and their way of looking at the world, which adversely affected Aboriginal communities including our sexual expression. We learned before colonization that Two-Spirit was a gift, which had promise and potential. Two-Spirit people were respected and honoured, and were visionaries and healers in our communities. We have rediscovered that we continue to have a spiritual place in our world.

Aboriginal culture is recognized for its emphasis on balance and harmony in all of creation. No one element, force, or impulse dominates the others. The term Two-Spirit originates from the First Nations recognition of the traditions and sacredness of

people who maintain a balance by housing both the male and female spirit.

Elders teach us that Two-Spirit people have a special place in our communities. We believe that Two-Spirit people have specific duties and responsibilities to perform. With traditional teachings and training these may include: counselling, healing, being pipe carriers, being visionaries (seers) and conducting oneself in accordance with our belief that all life is respected.

Based on historical evidence that comes from recorded material, out of ninety-nine tribes, there are references to gay culture in eighty-eight of them, of which twenty made specific references to lesbianism. One among the Crow, for instance, Two-Spirit men were responsible for cutting down the tree which is used for the Sun Dance ceremony. This is a respected and vital position to hold in the ceremony.

Coming together in the urban setting has allowed us to look at our sexuality from political perspectives, which allows for empowerment of Two-Spirit people. Organizations, such as the ‘Two-Spirit People of the First Nations’, have been founded and give validity to the vital role which Two-Spirit people are striving to reclaim our traditional positions within our Nations and are taking our rightful place.

Vancouver Pride Parade and Festivals all take place on the occupied, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh).

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Funds raised during the 2017 Pride season not only go towards making a world-class

Pride Parade and festivals which are free for everyone to attend, but also support non-profit organizations that provide services to Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ communities. Pride events give community groups opportunities to collaborate and, in turn, reach a much wider audience.

The Vancouver Pride Society's Parade and festivals would not be possible without the generosity and support of our communities. With your help, we are able to work with diverse groups to remember our history and the challenges we've conquered together, while recognizing the work that we still need to do to achieve equality

### The Big Pride 50/50

The 2017 Big Pride 50/50 will help fund three amazing programs for the 2018 Season. This year we launched our Pride Greening Strategy to make our events more environmentally sustainable. Funds from this year's 50/50 will support an expansion of the program in 2018. Funds will also be used to support the creation of more space for community entries in the 2018 Vancouver Pride Parade. Finally, the funds will help support the Pride Knowledge Exchange Program which provides small bursaries for individuals and community groups to attend or create events and share knowledge with their local communities. Buy 50/50 tickets for a chance to win up to \$9,999!

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**Carrie Serwetnyk** is a former Canadian National Team soccer player and the first woman inducted in the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame. She has spent a lifetime inspired by the beautiful game.

In recent years, she has devoted herself to creating greater equity for girls and women, on and off the field, as the founder of Equal Play, a non-profit organization. More than 3,000 Vancouver elementary school girls have participated in an Equal Play Girls Leadership World

Cup project and received a free soccer ball. Serwetnyk sees this as just the start, and states: "Everyone is welcome. We strive to create a joyful and empowering environment that is tangible for girls from all cultural backgrounds and perceived abilities."

Galvanized by attending seven men's and five women's World Cups since Italia 1990, she also runs a Free Kick Soccer League for youth. Carrie wants "to create an environment that captures the festive global spirit of friendship, vitality and goodwill." This is especially important in light of the next two World Cups being held in countries (Russia and Qatar) where individuals are beaten, imprisoned and murdered for being gay.

She says, "it's a wonderful honour to be selected as a Grand Marshall for the Vancouver Pride Parade. Usually I am plotting out which curb to sit on. Thank you for this fabulous opportunity."

**Fraser Doke** was only 54 when he died in March, but wore many hats in his short life. A common theme through Fraser's life was his deep caring for social justice and addressing inequality. As a long term McLaren Housing Society program participant receiving a portable housing subsidy, Fraser was always eager to talk openly about living with HIV/AIDS, the impact it had on his daily life and the challenges of aging with this episodic and chronic health issue.

As a proud gay man, Fraser was a founding member of Grey and Gray. He was a past chair of Raise the Rates, he volunteered for Vancouver Pride, Surrey Pride, the Celtic Festival and the NDP; he sat on



the board of both Positive Living BC and the Vancouver Pride Society. These are but a few of the many causes he supported. He dedicated his life to the service of others and worked hard every day to help those around him.



When **Tru Wilson** was refused the right to attend school as a girl at Ladner's Sacred Heart School, Tru and her family filed a Human Rights Complaint against the school and the Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese for not supporting her gender identity. In response, the Catholic School Board became one of the first in North America to develop a policy to support gender expression in 2014.

Tru and her family went on to participate in a Vancouver Parks Board transgender awareness campaign. In 2015, Tru was recognized by Vancouver Magazine as one of the city's 50 most powerful and influential people. When the Royals visited Canada in 2016, Prime Minister Trudeau personally acknowledged Tru for her advocacy during an Experience 150 and Me Youth reception. In 2017, Tru was named "Sexual Health Champion" by Vancouver's Options for Sexual Health.

Her advocacy work continues to this day; Tru and her family are currently involved in two documentaries that celebrate trans kids and their families. They continue to speak at various events about trans rights, the importance of being true to yourself, and the need to support your child in their transition.

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## PRIDE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP



The Pride Youth Scholarships serve to reward individuals for their contributions and leadership in LGBTQ2+ communities. The Vancouver Pride Society, with its partners Vancouver Frontrunners and LOUD Business, recognize youth for their work in creating safe spaces and promoting queer inclusion and rights.

In June of this year, LOUD Board Member Graeme Boyd presented the second year of Pride Youth Scholarships during the StandOUT! Awards ceremony. Three outstanding individuals each received a \$2,000 grant funded by the Vancouver Pride Society. The society is incredibly proud of this year's recipients and we thank the LOUD Foundation Selection Committee. We see a bright future ahead for Vanessa Tufts, Elisse Marchessaults, and Sylvia Machat.

LOUD Business is now accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded in 2018. Self-nominations are encouraged. For more information on all scholarships provided by the LOUD Foundation, please visit [loudbusiness.com/philanthropy](http://loudbusiness.com/philanthropy)

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# STANDOUT! AWARDS RECIPIENTS



The **StandOUT! Awards**, formerly the Legacy Awards, is a night to acknowledge the individuals who have contributed to the LGBTQ2+ communities they belong to. All recipients are nominated by the community and chosen by a panel of volunteer community members. Five recipients received awards in six categories this year : Business, Educator, Social Activist, Friend Of The Environment, Youth, and the Kimberly Nixon Trans, Two-Spirit, Gender Non-conforming Contribution To Community Award.

## Niis Miou (Travis Angus),

Niis Miou (Travis Angus), recipient of the **Red-Business Leader Award**, advocates for the acceptance of LGBTQ and Two-Spirit communities. He has promoted safety for these groups in the business, recovery, health, politics, health care, hairdressing, culinary and education fields.



He promotes the understanding of his culture by providing blessings, prayers, openings and teachings to others through his work with the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society . Travis fosters four lovely Aboriginal children, and facilitates Two-Spirit and LGBTQ workshops for the fostering federation.

## Idris Hudson,

recipient of the **Orange-Educator Award**, is a dedicated Compassion Advocate and Group Facilitator. In the past five years, Idris began sharing his own personal experiences with homelessness, addiction and sexual exploitation with the LGBTQ2+ community through a series of workshops and private speaking engagements.



Idris has been a part of organizing the annual *Recovery Day Festival*, and the *Clean, Sober & Proud : Untoxicated* event. In 2015, Idris delivered his first keynote TEDx Talk *Consciousness Is Irreversible*,

and served on the 2016 Senior Board of Advisors for the TEDxSFU Organizing Committee.

## Danny Ramadan,

recipient of the **Yellow-Social Activist Award**, found his calling in activism, civil society, journalism and creative writing.



He has been involved in coordinating efforts and raising over \$80,000 to support queer and trans refugees from Syria to immigrate to Canada, his new home. To celebrate his activism, he was a Grand Marshal in the 2016 Vancouver Pride Parade.

Danny is an experienced journalist with bylines appearing in the *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, and *Foreign Policy*. His novel, *The Clothesline Swing*, was published in 2017 to rave reviews. Danny is also a public speaker and storyteller, featured in the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia Breakfast, National Liberal Convention 2016, and TEDxSFU 2016.

## Jacqueline Martin,

recipient of the **Green-Friend Of The Environment Award**, is a twenty-six-year-old award winning, disabled entrepreneur from Waterloo, Ontario. Jacqueline uses her epilepsy and lived experience as fuel to advocate for various vulnerable groups across Canada.



Jacquoline is the founder of Vancouver Outreach: a bi-weekly distribution program to the less-fortunate that reside in the eastern core of Vancouver. The primary focus of the program is to educate youth on stereotypes surrounding homelessness, while empowering students to get in engaged in community activities. The secondary goal is to address carbon emissions generated by food waste.

Jacquoline has partnered with ReFood Rescue Foundation which helps redistribute food to help combat the rising methane levels being generated by discarded excess goods. Jacquoline is the CEO and founder of SORA, North America's first charitable subscription box.

**Cormac O'Dwyer**, recipient of both the **Blue-Youth Award** and **Purple-Kimberly Nixon Trans, Two-Spirit, Gender Non-conforming Contribution To**



**Community Award**, came out as trans when he was thirteen. Cormac's experiences of transitioning in school were used to develop the updated Vancouver School Board SOGI Policy, which passed in 2014 despite hateful opposition. Over the past ten years he has been heavily involved in advocacy for LGBTQ2+ rights in policy-making and educational settings, as well as in television, newspaper, and radio.

His recent work includes advising the Ministry of Health on the development of a program to repair the deficit and discrimination of trans and gender variant folks in healthcare. He is also involved in coordinating and facilitating the First and Second Annual Diverse Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities Conference, and presents lectures on gender diversity in schools across the Lower Mainland.

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### Notice of LOCATION CHANGE for 2017 Pride Parade Accessible Viewing Area

This year, the large Accessible Parade Viewing Area has MOVED from Alexandra Park to the south side of Beach Avenue and Broughton Street. For accessibility information on the Parade Route, turn to page 41.

## Thank You

Vancouver Pride is proud to partner with YVR in creating a more accessible Pride for everyone. For many years, YVR stood at the front of the pack when it came to barrier-free initiatives (now known as universal access). YVR has incorporated accessible features into all of their construction since the Airport Authority took over in 1992, and is determined to become recognized by the communities they serve for exemplifying what an accessible airport looks like.

All costs associated with Vancouver Pride's 2017 Accessibility Program are courtesy of YVR and the ad revenue from the 2017 Pride Guide.

## Cost

The majority of Vancouver Pride Society events are free and are suitable for people of all ages. There are a few ticketed events during the year. VPS will provide tickets free of cost to our ticketed events if requested.

## Descriptive Narration for the Visually Impaired Community

Due to the work of Richard Marion, a member of the blind community, this will be the third Pride Parade which has Live Description provided by VocalEye.

Headsets and priority seating are provided free of charge to those who are blind or partially sighted in the new Accessibility Zone at Beach and Broughton. For more information on the new Accessibility Zone, turn to page 41.

VocalEye is a non-profit society and the first live descriptive arts service for the blind in Canada. They are dedicated to making theatre, arts, and cultural events more accessible for people of all ages with vision loss. For more information, visit [vocaleye.ca](http://vocaleye.ca)



## ASL Interpretation

In 2017, professional ASL Interpretation was provided at the StandOUT! Awards and at East Side Pride. Interpretation will also be provided at Pride Sports Day, Sunset Beach Festival, and on the Pride Parade route. Student interpreters will also be invited to facilitate socializing at the Davie Street Party, and the Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast.

A shaded area is reserved at East Side Pride, Pride Sports Day, and Sunset Beach in sight line of the ASL interpreters for any deaf or hard of hearing folks (and their friends) to clearly see the interpreters and socialize. If you would like to volunteer to host a Deaf social space at our events, contact [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) or call 604-687-0955.

## Intervenors

The VPS will hire an intervenor on request for any member of the Deaf-Blind community. To request an intervenor, please contact [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) or call 604-687-0955.

## Shaded Accessibility Areas

Shaded Accessibility Areas are set up at all Festivals and the 2017 Vancouver Pride Parade for any attendees requiring them. There will be additional seating for companions of those who use the accessibility areas. Seating is available with space for mobility devices.

## Fully Accessible Gender Neutral Washrooms

All of our events have fully accessible gender neutral washrooms. When the Vancouver Pride Society rents a space for an event that has gendered washrooms, we ensure gendered signs are covered for the event.

## Visibility and Representation On Stage

In response to feedback from our Community Consultations, we are committed to hiring community members with differing abilities, as well as trans identified folks and people of color wherever possible. This will be done both in providing ASL interpretation and on our stages with performers.

## Scent-Reduced Events

While we recognize that we are not able to make our events completely scent-free, we are striving towards scent-reduced event spaces. We ask that event attendees, staff, and volunteers help by using scent-free products and leaving perfume and cologne at home during Vancouver Pride Society events.

## Questions?

Please contact the Vancouver Pride Society if you have any questions or concerns about accessibility and inclusion at Pride events. Email [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) or call our office at 604-687-0955.

## BILL C-16



After years of tireless effort from countless activists, Bill C-16 finally passed and became law on June 19th, 2017!

Bill C-16 adds gender expression and identity as protected grounds to the Canadian Human Rights Act and to the Criminal Code provision (which addresses hate propaganda). This means that it is now considered a hate crime to target someone for being transgender, two-spirit, gender non-conforming or gender variant. Additionally, someone's gender expression or gender identity can be considered as an aggravating circumstance during sentencing.

Bill C-16 provides much needed legal protections for trans, two-spirit, gender non-conforming and gender variant people. Having this bill pass does not mean the fight is over. Social acceptance does not immediately follow after the passing of legislation. However, this is a major step forward in securing the rights of transgender, two-spirit, gender non-conforming and gender variant peoples as well as protecting them from discrimination.



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Originally called the Teddy Bear Picnic, this event has a notable history stretching back to the 1980s. The event served as an opportunity for members of LGBTQ2+ community to gather in an outdoor, public space, which was uncommon at the time due to lack of social acceptance.

Preceding Sports Day, Vancouver Front-runners will be hosting their annual Pride Run & Walk, with proceeds benefiting LOUD Business, LOUD Scholarship Foundation, and Out In Schools.

Pride Sports Day is a fun, active, free, and family-friendly event which will include live music, and a variety of sports and recreational activities. Visit the beer garden or

take your lunch to the sober picnic space hosted by Last Door Recovery Society. Visit our vendors, grab a bite from a food trucks and see what our Community Partners have to offer. We are proud to partner this year with three local professional sports teams: Vancouver Canucks, BC Lions, and the Vancouver Whitecaps FC.

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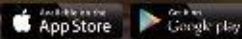
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**Aging with Pride** has been the remarkable legacy of five organizations. Each year, the committee weaves new threads, connecting communities together to recognize the lived experiences of seniors. This is a task achieved alongside, and because of, the persistent efforts of the activists who have come before and made space for our projects to flourish. The AWP committee acknowledges that legacy with admiration and humility.

In Pride, we find affirmation of our worth, we ground our lived experiences as foundational, and we empower ourselves to propel our communities forward, breaking glass ceilings of inclusion within the community at large and within our own ranks.

This Pride Season our understanding of community has grown.

To address this, we reflect on what role AWP can play in delivering inclusive

events with underserved communities who lack representation, access, and voice. This is work that will take time and may challenge some of our assumptions around inclusivity, accessibility, and the status quo of AWP. Our committee recognizes that work is needed to meaningfully address these issues. With the greatest respect to past AWP contributions—contributions that have brought Pride to the place where we are able to continue to expand our work to serve all LGBTQ2+ communities - we wanted to reach out directly to all folks 55+ interested in attending to consider what Aging with Pride can look like as we continue to address barriers of access, representation, visibility and inclusion for this tremendous celebration of lives well lived.

—Aging with Pride Committee,

*411 Seniors Centre, Haro Park Centre, QMUNITY, South Granville Seniors Centre, West End Seniors Network.*

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## LGBTQAI+ REFUGEES



“This has been the proudest day of my life.” said Sarah, a lesbian from Malaysia. Sam, a Saudi gay man, said, “I was feeling pride-fear-pride-fear... and I just kept dancing through it all.”

Rainbow Refugee has been walking the Pride Parade for 10 years now. For people who have survived homophobic, transphobic or HIV related persecution the day can be a powerful experience of belonging, strength, and celebration. As a queer woman from Iran who walked with us said, “something deep inside you changes when you are cheered by thousands of people for something you’ve carried with shame.”

But everyday is not a Pride Parade, and we have work to do to make our communities and country a place that truly welcomes LGBTQ2+ refugee newcomers.

In recent years, we’ve seen deadly spikes in homophobic and transphobic violence internationally: Uganda, Russia, Bangladesh, Chechnya and Indonesia. Backlashes will continue. Yet, most of the people who need refugee protection cannot access it.

LGBTQ2+ refugees abroad face dangerously long waits for resettlement. In Africa and Asia, LGBTQ2+ refugees face 4-7 year waits for resettlement, facing the same risks they fled. The rapid response to the Syrian resettlement shows what is possible when the political will and resources are committed.

In Canada, refugees face unrealistic deadlines—deadlines the system itself can’t sustain. The number of people arriving in Canada is rising and the current timelines will fail, yet promised reforms have been put off indefinitely.

Canada could and should be doing more to share the responsibility for global forced displacement. For each person

Canada welcomes as a refugee, countries in the Global South are sustaining 500 people. Turkey alone sustains 3 million.

We have much to celebrate at Pride. LGBTQ2+ refugee newcomers from over 40 countries now make Canada their home. Canadian LGBTQ2+ communities have enthusiastically participated or donated to Rainbow Refugee or Circles of Hope making it possible for over 80 LGBTQ2+ refugees to come to safety in 15 different Canadian cities. Rainbow Refugee is proud of this work and with your support, we can do more.



### **Welcome to Vancouver : A Discussion on LGBTQ2+ Refugees**

**Thursday, August 3rd • 5pm-7pm**  
SFU’s Segal Building, Free

Vancouver Pride Society, in partnership with the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian International Council, are hosting the inaugural Vancouver Pride Society LGBTQ2+ human rights panel discussion highlighting local and national non-profit organizations that support LGBTQ2+ refugees in both Vancouver and Canada. It will also highlight the personal stories of LGBTQ2+ refugees that have made Vancouver their home and their harrowing stories of courage, strength, and survival.

**Tickets are \$20 with proceeds being given to Rainbow Refugee.**

**[www.eventbrite.ca/e/welcome-to-vancouver-a-discussion-on-lgbtq2-refugees-tickets-35522593032](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/welcome-to-vancouver-a-discussion-on-lgbtq2-refugees-tickets-35522593032)**

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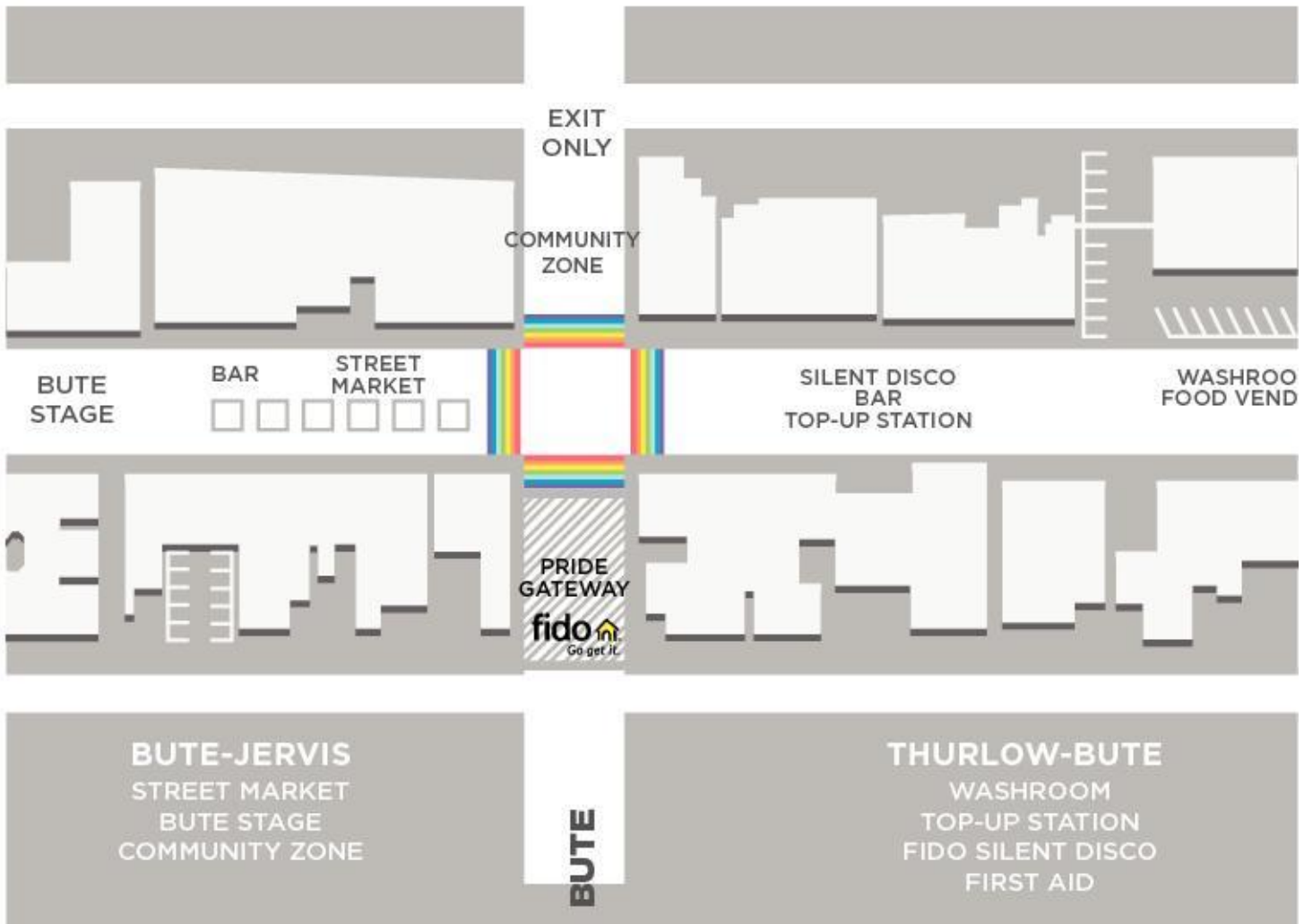
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# DAVIE STREET FESTIVAL

August 4 • 6pm-12am

Davie Street between Burrard and Jervis, Free



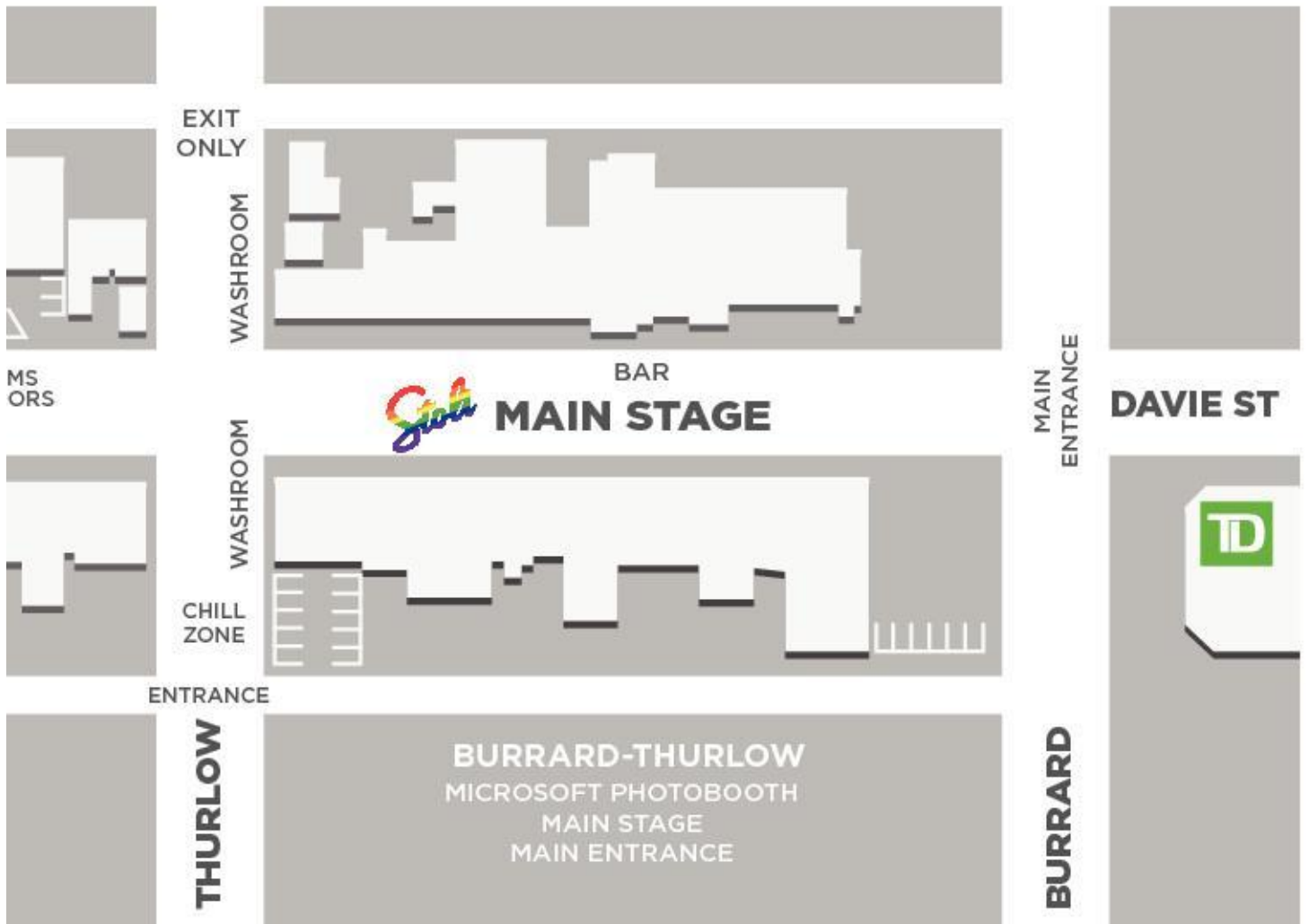


In 2015, the Davie Street festival became the first open concept liquor event in the city of Vancouver. This all ages event continued its evolution in 2016 with the closure of Thurlow, creating a connected event site that provides entertainment for the entire family.

With a rich history, the event showcases Davie Village in a unique way and allows the community a chance to interact with the businesses on the street. This year, look for a silent disco, amazing interactive art pieces including the light up

rainbow cloud swing and the new Pride Living Library, purchase some pride gear from our plethora of queer-friendly vendors, and grab a bite to eat from one of many food trucks.

With strong partnerships with the West End BIA and local businesses, this event will continue to flourish in 2017 and beyond.



# TERRY WALLACE MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

August 5 • 8am-12pm  
Jim Deva Plaza, Free



The Vancouver Pride Society invites you to join us for a by-donation community breakfast honouring one of the founders of Pride in Vancouver.

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# SUNSET BEACH FESTIVAL

August 6 • 11am-6pm  
Sunset Beach, Free



Celebrate Pride at the annual Sunset Beach Festival. This event brings together thousands of individuals in the LGBTQ2+ community and their allies for a day of fun-filled festivities. Enjoy the diverse entertainment lineup at the main stage, explore the Vendor Village, visit the Family Zone and check out our brand new Community Zone, or dance the afternoon away to DJs spinning in the beer garden. Stay for the whole day, or pop by after the parade.

Sunset beach is completely accessible. Shade tents will be provided next to cement pathways for those who need it. ASL interpretation and a Deaf social space are provided near the main stage. For information on the day of the event, visit the VPS volunteers in the Accessibility Zone.

Don't forget that the West End is incredibly busy on Pride Sunday! Consider taking transit or biking. Bike Valet will be provided by donation.

This year the Sunset Beach Festival will include a brand new Community Zone, featuring our Community Partners who will have interactive activities set up for your enjoyment. Stop by and say hello, check out our brand new Pride Living Library, see the archives, play some games and see what our communities have to offer.

## **Join us at the Family Fun Zone presented by Hollyburn Properties**

After a hot day of cheering on the fabulous parade entries, stroll down to the Pride Festival's Family Fun Zone at Jervis and Beach for delicious street food and cool beverages. The Family Zone features free and by-donation entertainment for the whole family, including a bouncy castle, the TD Kids Mural and more.



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# 39TH ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE

August 6 • 12pm-3pm

Robson Street, Denman Street, Beach Avenue



The Vancouver Pride Parade is renowned on the international stage as one of the largest and most successful LGBTQ2+ events in the world.

**The theme of this year's Parade is "My Pride."** Vancouver Pride Society recognizes that for each individual, Pride and its events can be a very unique personal experience with both celebratory and deeply emotional components. **Use #MyPride on social media** to tell us what Pride means to you.

Vote for your favourite entries! All entries in the 2017 Vancouver Pride Parade are eligible for awards, so don't forget to vote! Visit [vancouverpride.ca](http://vancouverpride.ca) on Pride Sunday for instructions, or vote on our Vancouver Pride App.

Don't forget these important tips and tricks :

- **Please stay off the road.** Let marchers come to you to give you free swag and ensure that floats have lots of room to move.

- **No spraying water** or throwing objects at entries.
- **Pack it in, pack it out!** Help the Vancouver Pride Parade become zero impact by using garbage bins and recycling stations along the parade route.
- **Be aware of road closures** on Pride Sunday. The Parade begins at 12:00pm sharp, but roads will be closed from 8am-4pm.
- **Leave your car at home!** Parking near the Parade route is extremely limited, so take transit or ride a bike and check it at the Bike Valet on Sunset Beach.
- **Open alcohol is prohibited** on the streets and parks so leave it at home. Come to the Beer Garden at Sunset Beach after the Parade and have a toast with us there.
- **Practice sun safety!** Wear a hat, apply sunscreen and make sure to stay hydrated!



# ACCESSIBLE VIEWING

along the Parade route



## NEW Accessible Viewing Along The Parade Route

### NOTICE OF LOCATION CHANGE

The main Pride Parade Accessible Viewing location has been moved from Alexandra Park to the south side of Beach at Broughton. This area is larger and provides a better view of the Pride Parade. It is also a shorter distance to the Sunset Beach Festival!

## Multiple Parade Viewing Areas

We have expanded from two to three Pride Parade Accessible Viewing Areas along the Parade Route. This will give folks more choice as to where they would like to view the Pride Parade from!

The **West End Community Centre** offers:

- A shaded seating area
- Accessible washrooms
- Water station

**Robson and Nicola** offers:

- A shaded seating area
- Accessible washrooms
- Water station

There is an accessible parking area close to this space, but there is limited space—please contact [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) about parking.

The **NEW Beach and Broughton Accessible Viewing Area** offers:

- **NEW—Accessibility Shuttle Service to and from Transit to Parade and Festival. Please contact [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) for more details.**
- ASL interpretation of Parade commentary
- Visual description of Pride Parade
- Intervenor services if requested for Deaf-Blind community members
- Increased shaded seating area
- Raised bleachers for expanded Accessible Viewing
- Water Station
- Limited adjacent Accessibility Parking prior to 11am. Vehicles can not be removed until end of Pride Parade at approximately 3pm. Please contact [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) to arrange.

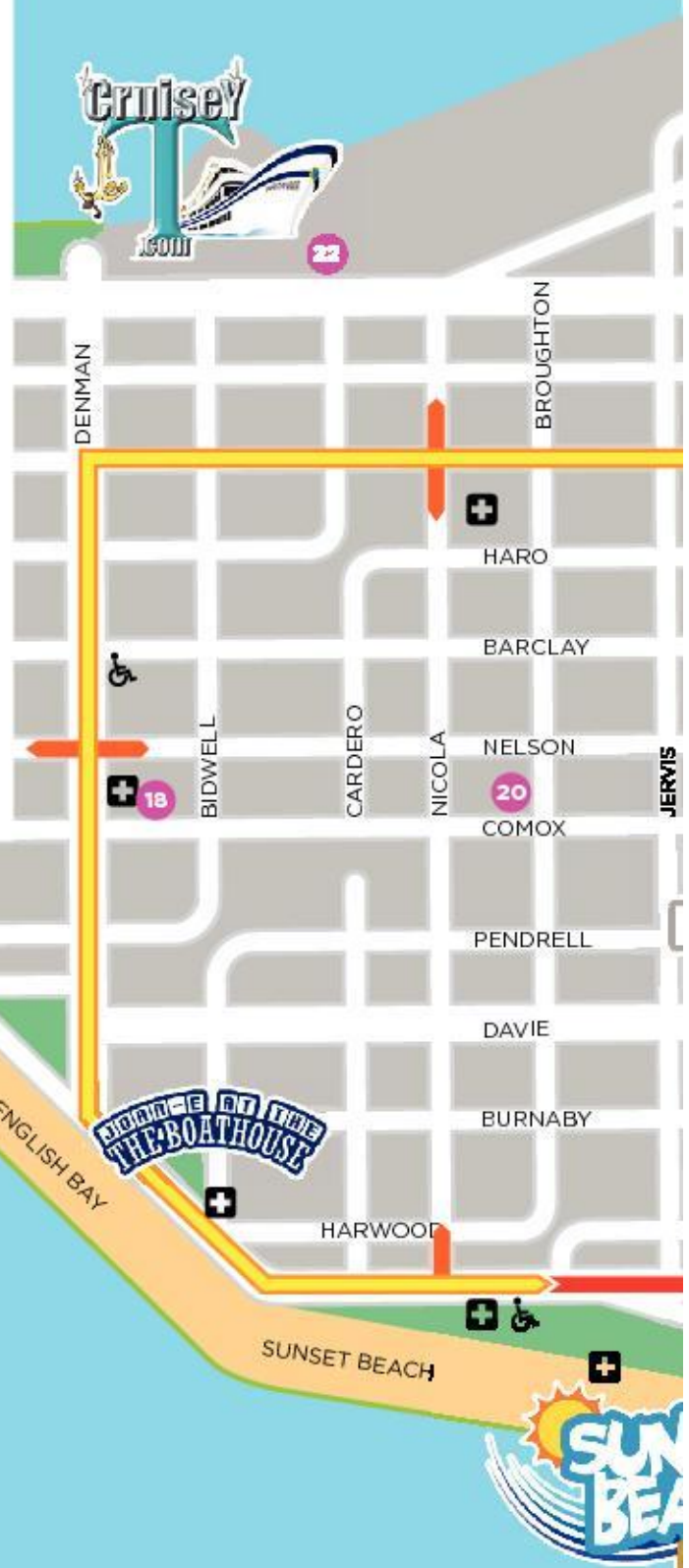
Accessible seating is available to anyone who requests it as well as their friends and family! We ask that you take the time to make reservations so that we can plan for capacity and add additional space if required. We request only your first name, the number of people in your party, and which location you would like to attend. To make a reservation, or to request intervenor services, please call 604-687-0955 or email [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca). No one will be turned away on Parade Day as long as space is available.

Descriptive Interpretation must be reserved through VocalEye at 604-364-5949 or [info@vocaley.ca](mailto:info@vocaley.ca)

# VANCOUVER 2017 PRIDE MAP



- 1. Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre**  
181 Roundhouse Mews
- 2. Second Beach**
- 3. XYYVR**  
1216 Bute St.
- 4. Gorg-o-Mish**  
695 Smithe St.
- 5. The Halo Penthouse at the Loden Hotel**  
1177 Melville St.
- 6. Robson Square**
- 7. Lux Lounge**  
1180 Howe St.
- 8. The Playground**  
434 Columbia St.
- 9. The Imperial**  
319 Main St.
- 10. Harbour Event Center**  
750 Pacific Blvd.
- 11. The Cobalt/Boxcar**  
927 Granville St.
- 12. The Odyssey**  
686 W. Hastings St.
- 13. The Penthouse**  
1019 Seymour St.
- 14. Jim Deva Plaza**
- 15. 1181**  
1181 Davie St.
- 16. Vancouver Public Library**  
350 W. Georgia St.
- 17. Lonsdale Quay**
- 18. Coast Plaza Hotel**  
1763 Comox St.
- 19. SFU Beedle School of Business**  
500 Granville St.
- 20. Gordon Neighbourhood House**  
1019 Broughton St.
- 21. Arts Club Revue Stage**  
Granville Island
- 22. Magic Yacht Charters**  
1601 Bayshore Dr.
- 23. The Commodore Ballroom**  
868 Granville St.
- 24. The PINT**  
455 Abbott St.
- 25. Celebrities Underground**  
1022 Davie St.
- 26. Maritime Labour Centre**  
1880 Triumph St.
- 27. BC Place Stadium**
- 28. Andy Livingstone Park**  
89 Expo Blvd.
- 29. Dharmalab**  
202-1814 Pandora St.
- 30. Hindenburg**  
23 W. Cordova St.
- 31. The Waldorf**  
1489 E. Hastings St.
- 32. Sheraton Wall Centre**  
1088 Burrard St.
- 33. Harbour Event Centre & Prive Nightclub**  
750 Pacific Blvd.
- 34. Fortune Sound Club**  
147 E. Pender St.
- 35. Carnegie Community Centre**  
401 Main St.





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### **Caryl Dolinko**

#### ***Denman Place Mall***

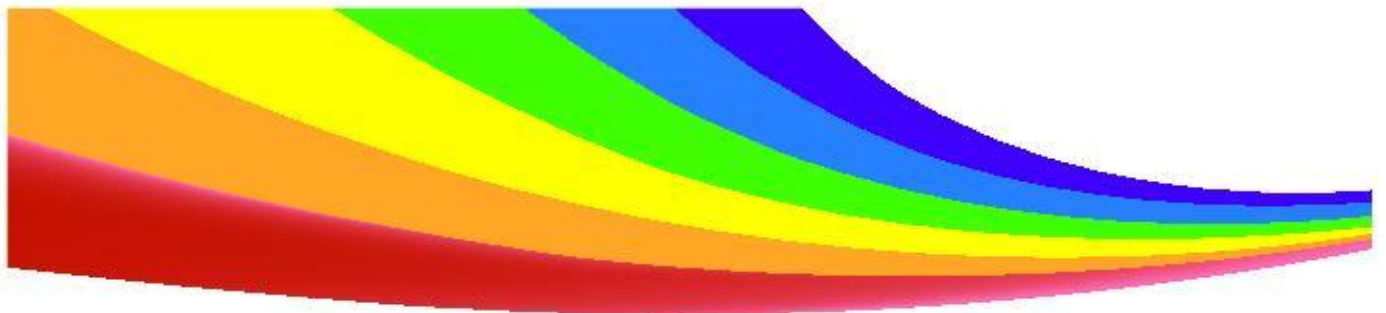
Caryl is a well-known LGBTQ2+ community member and premier marketing and communications professional. Caryl has held many positions within local and international communities, including as the Co-President of InterPride (International Association for LGBT Pride Organizers), the President of Friends Help Friends,

a Vancouver Dyke March board member, Sponsorship and Communications Coordinator for Vancouver Pride, Chair of the 2008 InterPrideWorld Congress, and Host of the IGLTA conference.

### **Joan-E**

#### ***The Boathouse***

Joan-E is a past Vancouver Pride Grand Marshal, inductee of Canada’s Queer Hall Of Fame, and received both The Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals from Queen Elizabeth II. Recently, Joan-E celebrated the 21st Anniversary of Bingo For Life which has raised over \$700,000 for charity.



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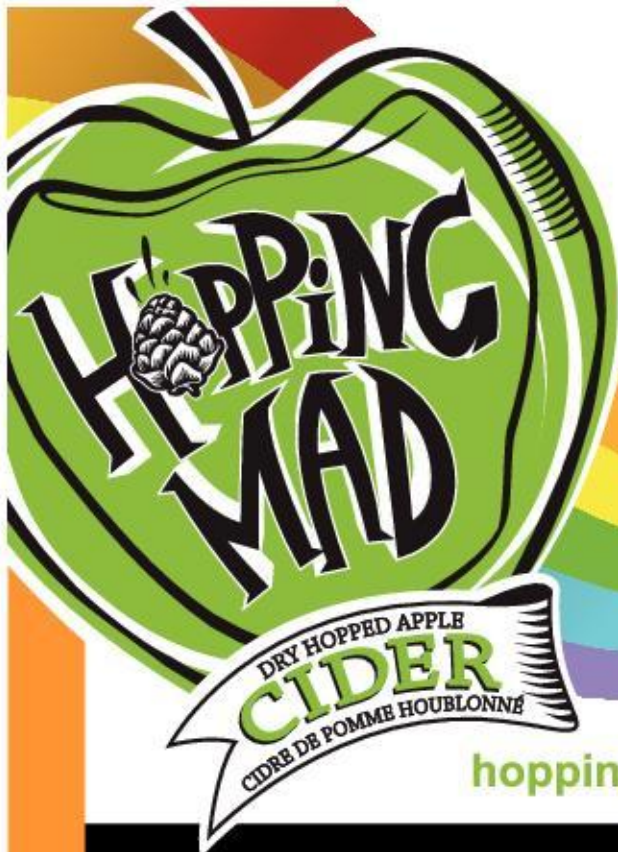
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# UNTOXICATED

August 6 • 5pm-10pm

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The 5th anniversary of Untoxicated is promising to present its biggest show ever on Pride Day. Rupaul's Drag Race Stars Katya, Morgan McMichaels, and DJ Nina Flowers will all be gracing the stage. Untoxicated is pleased to invite country singer Jaimie Wilson. Jaimie is known for his Instagram page (@tboy61915) which documents his transition.

Untoxicated's stage will also feature Raye Sunshine, Mayhem Miller, Trinna Mod-ele, the Brat Pack, Jane Smoker, Alma Bitches, Jaylene Tyme and Untoxicated's fabulous MC, Crystal Clearly.

Untoxicated is one of the world's largest Pride Day substance-free events and anyone who wishes to enjoy Pride in a

drug and alcohol free space is welcome to attend.

Last Door's Clean, Sober, and Proud committee started in 2008 as a small entry in the Pride Parade consisting of nine people wanting to have sober fun during Pride Day. This small idea has evolved into award winning floats, community outreach booths at various Prides, and in 2012, the committee hosted its first Untoxicated Festival.

This year's street festival will be held on Bute St at Davie from 5pm to 10 pm.

For more details and tickets please visit [www.vancouverpride.ca](http://www.vancouverpride.ca)

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# ALTERNATIVE PRIDE EVENTS



## Queer Prom

**Friday, July 21 • 6pm**  
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QMUNITY's Queer Prom presents a safe, sober space for LGBTQ2+ youth between the ages of 14-25 to dance and connect with friends. Come and join us for a rainbow-filled Queer Prom specifically for queer, trans and allied youth! We'll be dancing the night away to fabulous tunes, enjoying mocktails, and hanging out with friends.

QMUNITY services for LGBTQ2+ youth 25 and under include:

- Two weekly social and support drop-ins
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- Information and referrals for LGBTQ2+ youth and their close ones
- Educational workshops

Visit [www.qmunity.ca/youth](http://www.qmunity.ca/youth) for more information and resources.



## Trans, Genderqueer and Two-Spirit March

**Details TBD - Check online for updates!**

We are beautiful, brilliant, creative, strong and resilient, with diverse gender definitions and expressions. Our bodies are beautiful in all forms.

Organized by a gender-diverse grassroots collective of volunteers, the 2017 Trans, Two-Spirit, Genderqueer, Intersex March is an opportunity for us to celebrate, proudly express our pride and make our voices heard on the issues that affect our lives including violence, bullying, erasure from social histories, harassment and discrimination by public institutions.

We operate in a spirit of inclusion with two-spirit people who may or may not also claim identities such as trans and genderqueer and stand in solidarity with BLM Vancouver, Queer and Trans People of Colour and others that feel unwelcome at mainstream pride events.

More information and updates are at : [transpridevancouver.wordpress.com](http://transpridevancouver.wordpress.com)

# ALTERNATIVE PRIDE EVENTS



## 14th Annual Vancouver Dyke March & Festival

**Saturday, August 5 • 11am**  
**McSpadden Park**

The Vancouver Dyke March and Festival celebrates and centres the experiences of those whose gender identity or expression intersects with their sexual orientation to further marginalize them within the broader LGBTQ2+ community, including but not limited to trans and cisgender women and femmes. We recognize that not all participants identify as dykes, but may prefer terms such as lesbian, queer, two-spirited, bisexual, pansexual, asexual or aromantic.

Join us for Vancouver's 14th Annual Dyke March & Festival! Beginning in McSpadden Park at 11:00am with some pre-March festivities and a community art project, we will then take to the streets and make our way down Commercial Drive at 12:00pm (noon). From 1:00-5:00pm, join us at Grandview Park for artists, performances, and queer-friendly vendors in a space to gather with friends, family, and the community.

[www.vancouverdykemarch.com](http://www.vancouverdykemarch.com)



## 2SQTLGBiPoC Pride Celebration

**Monday, August 7 • 5pm**  
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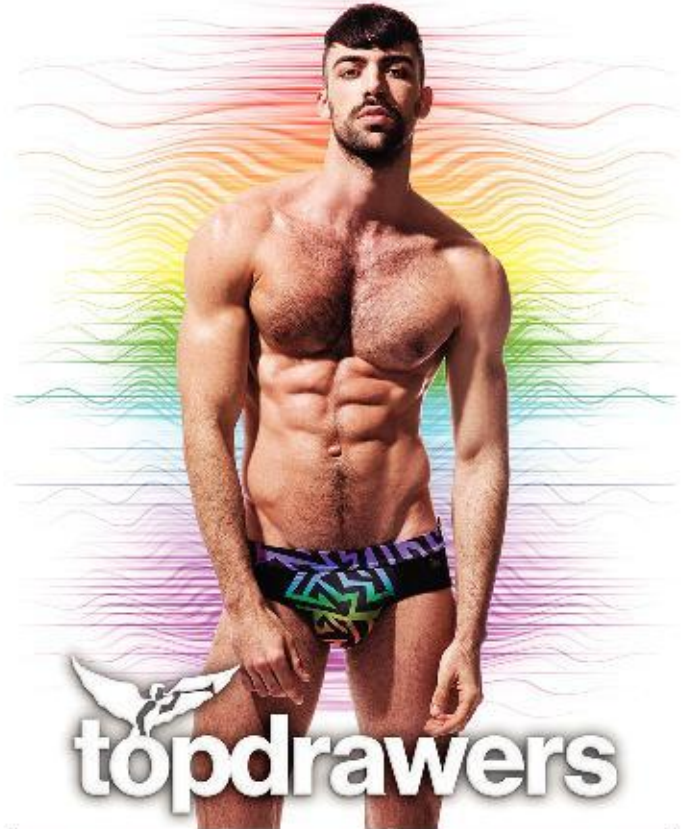
Come reclaim this Pride Day in a safe space for Two-Spirit, Queer, Trans, Intersex, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People of Colour to celebrate Pride in the Downtown Eastside in the Carnegie Centre Theater. 2SQTLGBiPoC is hosted by the Carnegie Community Action Project and the 2SQTLGBIPOC Alliance. This will be an event that features music, performance, and poetry, with admission by donation.

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### **QMUNITY**

Qmunity provides resources, educational programming, as well as community programs and support for youth and seniors.

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1170 Bute Street, Vancouver  
[www.qmunity.ca](http://www.qmunity.ca)

### **Catherine White Holman Wellness Center**

CHWC provides low-barrier health and wellness services, access to a nutritionist and community kitchen, and counselling, resources and legal support. The centre offers services regardless of factors such as citizenship or health insurance, in a trans and gender-variant inclusive space.

604-442-4352  
#202-1193 Kingsway, Vancouver  
[www.cwhwc.com](http://www.cwhwc.com)

### **PFLAG**

PFLAG is an advocacy organization set to educate, as well as provide resources and support for LGBTQ2+ community members and allies.

604-626-5667  
[www.pflagvancouver.com](http://www.pflagvancouver.com)

### **Transgender Health Information Program**

THiP offers support groups, information, health resources about trans care issues within BC. The organization works within the Provincial Health Services Authority, with close community consultation to help guide their information and resources.

1-866-999-1514  
[www.transhealth.phsa.ca](http://www.transhealth.phsa.ca)

### **AIDS Vancouver**

AIDS Vancouver offers a Helpline, testing sites throughout the Lower Mainland, a supplemental grocery program, and case management for those living with HIV/AIDS.

604-893-2201  
803 East Hastings Street  
[www.aidsvancouver.org](http://www.aidsvancouver.org)

### **Aboriginal Front Door Society**

AFDS is a meeting place and drop-in centre that offers support as well as a welcoming environment presenting Aboriginal cultural traditions to members of Aboriginal communities, as well as friends or families. AFDS also offers services such as a crisis centre, counselling, and doing court accompaniments.

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### **Saige Community Food Bank at Kiwassa Neighbourhood House**

Saige Community Food Bank offers a trans and gender-variant safe space that provides healthy food and community kitchen, a food bank, and other items to those in need.

2425 Oxford Street, Vancouver  
[facebook.com/Saige-Community-Food-Bank](https://facebook.com/Saige-Community-Food-Bank)

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### 411 Seniors Centre Society

411 Seniors Centre Society is a drop-in centre for adults 55+ that provides information and education, referral assistance, programs, and activities. 411 Seniors also works as an advocacy organization for issues that impact seniors.

604-684-8171  
#704-333 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver  
[www.411seniors.bc.ca](http://www.411seniors.bc.ca)

### WISH Drop-In Centre

WISH is a drop-in centre that serves female-identifying sex workers by providing a low-barrier safe space, clinic, learning centre, and much more.

604-669-WISH (9474),  
Drop-In Centre: 604-681-9244,  
334 Alexander Street, Vancouver  
[facebook.com/WISHDropIn](https://facebook.com/WISHDropIn)  
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# HARM REDUCTION



## We All Practice Harm Reduction

When we think of harm reduction, the first thought that tends to come to mind for people is Insite or safe injection. Yet, we all practice harm reduction. Do you look both ways when you cross the street? When you're at the Pride Parade, do you wear sunscreen and drink water? If so, you are already a skilled harm reductionist!

### At Pride we can lower the risk of harm by:

- Staying hydrated
- Taking breaks from the sun
- Making a plan for the night out after Pride festivities
- Visiting Karmik's harm reduction booth to pick up information about safer partying!

Karmik will have roaming volunteers walking around the Davie Street Party and Sunset Beach Festival. They will also be hanging out in the Chill Zone on Davie, and have a booth at Sunset Beach so stop by and say hi!

## Creating Consent Culture

Vancouver Pride Society is committed to making our events safer for everyone. In partnership with Karmik and the Consent Crew, we will have roaming volunteers engage with participants around what consent means while handing out "Got Consent?" buttons.

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## WHAT TRANS MEANS TO ME



Every trans person has their own unique experience. *In What Trans Means To Me*, a community member tells her story.

“What does it mean to be transgender? For me, it means that I was never happy being a boy. I wanted to wear the princess dress. I wanted to play with Barbies. I related to the way the women around me spoke, moved, and seemed to think. I was inspired by my mother, by Jessica Rabbit, by Britney Spears.

I couldn't imagine being a groom on my wedding day. I didn't want to be someone's father. It didn't even mean that I wanted a vagina, because vaginas were completely foreign to me. They had nothing to do with the aspects of womanhood which I saw all around me and felt deeply within as a part of me. Being transgender means that being called a daughter, a sister, and a girlfriend feels right to me. It means that being called "she" and

"her" is important. It means that I've been through a long, painful, and expensive process in order to align the way I look with the way I feel, as much as I can, and in the ways that feel important to me as an individual.

Unfortunately, it also often means being the punchline of a joke. It means being afraid of people who misunderstand, fear, or even hate me. It means being asked invasive and inappropriate questions about my body. It has meant dealing with feelings of shame, embarrassment, and self-loathing; both my own as well as those of my partners. But it means freedom, beauty, power, redemption, strength, courage, and love.

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Asexuality is commonly defined as a lack of sexual attraction and/or a lack of desire for sex, and it comes in a broad spectrum, including Grey-asexuality (occasionally feeling sexual attraction) and Demisexuality (ability to feel sexual attraction only once a strong bond is formed). Some asexual people, or "aces," want romantic relationships, but some don't (this is often referred to as romantic orientation). All of the same prefixes from sexual orientation can be applied to the romantic orientations: Aromantic, Greyromantic, Demiromantic, Heteroromantic, Homoromantic, Biromantic, etc. Romantic orientations experience the same form of attraction as their corresponding sexual orientations, but are experienced in the romantic rather than sexual sense.

Relationships come in all shapes and sizes. Some are romantic but non-sexual, while others can be non-romantic and non-sexual. Some aces will engage in sex for various reasons, while others won't. Aces are diverse, including people of all genders and walks of life. There are many people who haven't heard of asexuality—including those who would identify as asexual if they knew about it. Dismissal, invalidation, erasure, and outright hate are common, even when people are aware of asexuality. Some Asexuals work hard to increase awareness through advocacy, both online and in person, such as through the Asexual Visibility and Education Network (AVEN).

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### Queer Prom

6:00pm @ Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews  
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## SATURDAY, JULY 22

### Pride Run+Walk

8am-12pm @ Second Beach  
Free. All Ages. Grab your water bottles! Join the Vancouver Front Runners and Run, Walk, or Roll to raise money for the community!

### Pride Sports Day

11am-5pm @ Second Beach  
Free. All Ages. Join the VPS for a day of sports, activities, music and more at Second Beach.

## MONDAY, JULY 24

### QueerProv: Men on Stage

8:00pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
Free. 19+. QueerProv Pride Edition—YVR's Finest Queer Improvisers entertain you with the special "Males on Stage Cast! Come one-Come all!

## TUESDAY, JULY 25

### Pride Cocktail Kickoff

6:00pm @ The Halo Penthouse at the Loden Hotel, 1177 Melville St.  
\$145. 19+ . Join us as we sip, savour, and celebrate with friends in support of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. [www.drpeter.org/pride](http://www.drpeter.org/pride)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

### Pride Premiere

3pm-10pm @ Robson Square  
Free. All Ages. With a street level pop-up party, a beer garden, interactive art and more, Pride Premiere is the kick off to the Pride festivities that is not to be missed.

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend—Kinky Cocktails Meet & Greet

9pm @ Lux Lounge, 1180 Howe St.  
Free. 19+ . Open to everyone interested in

kink! No dress code, no cover. Drink, dance, socialize, and meet kinky locals & visitors from all over the world!

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

### SpiritPride 2017 & Affirm United Annual Conference

July 28-30, 2017 @ St. Andrew's-Wesley Church, 1022 Nelson St.  
Hosted by St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church and Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble, SpiritPride is a LGBTQ+ Spirituality Conference. All LGBTQ people and allies are welcome. This year's theme is Hope Rising: Celebrating our Spirituality. For registration and information on the topics presented, head to: [www.spiritpride.org](http://www.spiritpride.org).

### "What Surrounds You?"—Solo art exhibition by John Henry

6pm @ The Playground, 434 Columbia St.  
Free. All Ages. Solo exhibition by artist John Henry. Opening July 28 on through Aug 24. 10% of art sale proceeds donated to Positive Living BC.

### An Evening in Damascus

7pm @ Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews  
\$30-\$40. All Ages. With Syrian food, a belly-dancer and storytellers, Danny Ramadan brings back his annual fundraiser An Evening in Damascus for a third year.

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend—Carnival Of Kink

9pm @ The Imperial, 319 Main St.  
\$30/\$35. 19+. Fetish dress code, kink play areas, international performers, DJs and more! Newbies welcome. Tickets & info: [www.vancouverfetishweekend.com](http://www.vancouverfetishweekend.com)

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend—5 Year Anniversary Fetish Ball

9pm @ Harbour Event Center, 750 Pacific Blvd.  
\$40/\$45. 19+. Join 500+ local & international kinksters at Vancouver's largest fetish party! Fetish dress code. Tickets & info: [www.vancouverfetishweekend.com](http://www.vancouverfetishweekend.com)

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### VVJ: Dashaun Wesley Vogue Workshop

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\$20-\$25 All Ages Get your vogue elements ready for "DYNASTY BALL" and learn how to VOGUE with RIHANNA dancer and KING OF VOGUE Dashaun "Evisu" Wesley.

### Queers & Beers

5pm @ The Cobalt, 917 Main St.  
\$8-\$15. 19+. A queer craft-beer hangout party! Featuring fun brews from local breweries, tropical parking-lot patio, food trucks, chill vibes & fun times!

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend—VIP Fetish Cruise

5pm. Private yacht, location given to ticketholders only.  
\$160. 19+. Join 400 kinksters on the largest fetish cruise in North America! Fetish dress code. Info & tickets: [www.vancouverfetish-weekend.com](http://www.vancouverfetish-weekend.com).

### Amateur Hour: Rookies of the Year!

9pm @ The Cobalt, 917 Main St.  
\$10. 19+. Man Up's partner show & dance party, featuring some of the city's brightest new drag stars! Audience vote wins gig at Man Up Pride. Show at 10.

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend—Wet & Wild Bondage Ball

9pm @ The Odyssey, 686 W. Hastings St.  
\$20. 19+. 300+ expected! Fetish dress code, DJs, dancing & sexy shower shows all night. Tickets & info: [www.vancouverfetishweekend.com](http://www.vancouverfetishweekend.com).

## MONDAY, JULY 31

### Pride Proclamation

11am @ Jim Deva Plaza.  
An official launch of the week leading up to major Pride events, hosted by the City of Vancouver.

### Mary Poppins Pride Night at TUTS

8pm @ Malkin Bowl.  
\$30-\$49. All Ages. Join Theater Under The Stars for a Mary Poppins Pride Night. Use promo code VANPRIDE for \$10 off tix this night only at [ticketstonight.ca](http://ticketstonight.ca).

### QueerProv Fruit Bowl Pride Edition

8pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
Free. 19+. Queer Prov Fruit Bowl Pride Edition:

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### Dynasty Ball

9pm @ The Penthouse, 1019 Seymour St.  
\$15-\$20. 19+. DYNASTY BALL—Paying homage to the 80's—Categories: RUNWAY, BAZAAR, SEX SIREN, DRAG & VOGUE PERFORMANCE—Like @vanvoguejam on Facebook for more info.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

### Pride Movie in the Park

6pm-11 pm @ Second Beach  
Free. All Ages. Sing-a-long to the original Disney classic *Beauty & The Beast* at this special Pride Week screening.

### Pride Week Documentary Film Screening: MAJOR!

6:30pm @ VPL, Alice Mackey Room, 350 West Georgia St.  
Free. All Ages. Explores the life of Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, trans elder & activist. Discussion with Sandy-Leo LaFramboise to follow. More info: [vpl.ca/events](http://vpl.ca/events).

### Shame Spiral Pride Sweatathon!

10pm @ 1181, 1181 Davie St.  
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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

### Aging with Pride

2pm @ Coast Plaza Hotel, 1763 Comox St.  
Free. 55+. Welcoming LGBTQ/2S folks 55+ and their allies to celebrate pride; with new community speakers/performers and past favourites this season!

### Prance on the Pier

5pm-10 pm @ Lonsdale Quay  
Free. All Ages. Pride is helping to bring the fun across the Burrard Inlet for this all-ages dance! Food trucks, craft beer, dancing & more!

### Gossip!

2pm @ Coast Plaza Hotel, 1763 Comox St.  
6pm-3am @ 1181, 1181 Davie St.  
Free. 19+. G-Luve with Ambrosia Salad (LA).



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

### Welcome To Vancouver: A Discussion on LGBTQ+ Refugees

5-7 pm @ SFU's Segal Building,  
500 Granville St.

\$10-\$20. All Ages. Come hear a panel discussion about the intersections of LGBTQ+ communities and immigration.

### A Night of Storytelling: Sex in the City

6:30pm @ VPL, Alma Van Dusen & Peter Kaye Rooms, 350 West Georgia St.

Free. All Ages. Storytellers open souls & bedroom doors to reveal secret histories of queer, trans & Two-Spirit sexuality in Vancouver. More info [vpl.ca/events](http://vpl.ca/events).

### Absolutely Fabulous

7pm @ Gordon Neighbourhood House, 1019 Broughton St. \$5. 19+. Co-hosted by BLM-Vancouver, this 3rd annual event features performances from black queer & trans folks. Ticket includes drink & snacks!

### Big Gay Sing

8pm @ Arts Club Revue Stage, Granville Island.

\$25. 19+. Get your Pride on: Audience sing-along takes you from spectator to performer. Lyrics Provided.

### Eye Roll: Another F%8&ing 90s Pride Party

9pm @ XY, 1216 Bute St.

\$9-\$12. 19+. All 90s, all night. With DJ Jef Leppard, Hosted by Peach Cobblah, with performances by Carlotta Gurl & Isolde N. Barron.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

### Trans and Genderqueer March

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## Davie Street Party

6pm-12am @ Davie St from Burrard to Jervis.  
Free. All Ages. Multiple stages, interactive stations, and art installations form the largest open-air event in the city.

## Chicks Ahoy! Women's Pride Cruise

7pm @ Magic Yacht Charters, 1601 Bayshore Dr.  
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## QueerProv Pride Kick Off Show

7pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
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## Queer as Funk

8pm @ The Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St.  
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## Swallow Your Pride

8pm @ Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph St.  
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## 6th Annual RUFF Pride Vancouver

9pm @ The PINT, 455 Abbott St.  
\$25/\$30/\$35/\$40. 19+. RUFF Pride YVR—4 DJ's 3 Rooms 2 Dance Floors, 10 MEN of RUFF. DJs Zarfan, Nathan Mots, Damien Mack (Melbourne) J Warren (Boston) [RUFFparty.com](http://RUFFparty.com).

## Rapture:PLAYBOY

9pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
\$15+. 19+ . Pride Hiphop/RnB Party with DJ Domtop and performances by Jane Smoker and Kendall Gender.

## Man Up: The Gender Adventure

9pm @ The Cobalt, 917 Main St.  
\$20. 19+. East Van's notorious gender trippers from outer space are BACK! Full spectrum drag show + queer dance party for your senses. Doors 9, show 10:30.

## Downtown's Lesbian & Queer Pride Party

10pm @ Celebrities Underground, 1022 Davie St.  
\$10/\$15. 19+. A unique dance party for Vancouver's lesbian & queer scene right in the heart of downtown. Come get sweaty with us!

## Techno Love

12-8am (licensed until 2am) @ Gorg-o-Mish, 695 Smithe St.  
19+. Hosted by Symone. With Diana Boss ft Quannah, Ambrosia Salad (LA), Almond Brown (SEA), Rennie Foster. Partial proceeds to go to A Loving Spoonful. Advance ticket info at [gorgomish.com](http://gorgomish.com).

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

### Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast

8am-12pm @ Jim Deva Plaza  
By donation. All Ages. Pay tribute to and remember the legacy one of the founders of Pride in Vancouver by coming to this breakfast.

### RCUC Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

9am @ Andy Livingstone Park, 89 Expo Blvd.  
\$35. 18+. Van's first LGBTQ Pride Ultimate Frisbee Tournament! 5vs5 games, hat tournament, all skill levels welcome. Bring spirit! Email/FB for details.

### Men's Skyclad (naked) Yoga

10am @ Dharma Lab, 202-1814 Pandora St.  
\$25. 19+. Let your PRIDE flow! Ron has been leading Skyclad yoga classes since 2005. Visit [skyclad.ca](http://skyclad.ca) for details and to RSVP.

### Erotic Pride Celebration

10am @ Dharma Lab, 202-1814 Pandora St.  
\$150. 19+. Join Certified Somatic Sex Educators in a workshop of mindful erotic explorations. See [skyclad.ca](http://skyclad.ca) for more details and to register.

### 14th Annual Dyke March

11am @ McSpadden Park, 2125 Victoria Dr.  
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## Powell Street Festival—Third Gender Exhibit and Event

12pm @ Firehall Arts Centre,  
280 E. Cordova St.

Free. All Ages. Acknowledging and celebrating third gender identities, the Powell Street Festival is excited to give power to these voices.

## Vancouver Dyke Festival

1pm-5pm @ Grandview Park, 1657 Charles St.  
Free. All Ages. Come after the March for local performances, queer-friendly vendors, and a space to gather with friends, family, and community.

## El Hangover #6 at the Waldorf!

1pm @ The Waldorf, 1489 E Hastings St. \$20.  
19+. Your Pride parking lot pool party is back! A balmy oasis of queer joy, now a stone's throw from the Dyke March. Doors 1pm, DJs & play all day.

## BC Lions Pride Game

4pm @ BC Place Stadium  
All Ages. Show your Pride by coming to this exciting game, with a half-time show that will

blow anyone away!

## Limp Wrist: Lega-She, A Mother/Daughter Ball

9pm @ The Cobalt, 917 Main St.  
\$13-\$20. 19+. Celebrating famed mother/daughter duos DJ Jef Leppard & performances by Isolde N. Barron/Peach Cobblah, Jaylene Tyme/Jane Smoker, Jem/Rose Butch!

## Rapture: ONYX

9pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
\$25. 19+. Pride Saturday Dance Party with DJ Blacklow (LA), DJ Landon James with performances by Tynomi Banks and Jo Duree.

## Lick Club

10pm @ Hindenburg, 23 W. Cordova St.  
\$15. 19+. Vancouver's monthly Lesbian/Queer Jam—Lick Club Pride Edition! 2 rooms/9 DJs/ Featuring Skylar Love + Molli Fi + Leahbabe + MsJackson + ChinaG + more.

## Love Disco

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

### Sunset Beach Festival

11 am-6 pm @ Sunset Beach.  
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### Pride Parade

12pm-3 pm  
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### ICE-T Patio Party

1-9pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute Street

19+. \$10 Advance. 19+. DJ Leanne, Almond Brown(Sea), Diana Boss, G-Luve. Ticket info at facebook.com/xyvancouver.

### CHICAS in the AFTERNOON

4pm @ Sheraton Wall Centre, 1088 Burrard St.  
\$47.50. 19+. The LEGENDARY post parade outdoor party is part garden party, part dance party with djs, & a full-on, rainbow-striped racket of debauchery.

### Untoxicated

5pm-10pm @ Bute and Davie St.  
\$20. All Ages. Substance Free Event featuring entertainment by Morgan McMichaels & DJ Nina Flower from RuPaul's Drag Race, and more!

### Two-Spirit Pride—Celebrating Pride with Two-Spirits

6pm-11pm @ The Penthouse, 1019 Seymour St.  
\$5. 19+. Dancing, Two-Spirit Entertainment, Snacks! Come out and meet our 40th Legacy Two-Spirit Chief & Princess!

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## Hershe Bar

9pm @ Harbour Event Centre & Prive Night-club, 750 Pacific Blvd.  
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## Hustla: Pride Fam Jam

9pm @ The Cobalt, 917 Main St.  
\$15-\$22. 19+. Your favourite homo hip hop haunt with DJ Jef Leppard & Trevor Risk, plus Peach Cobblah, Beardonce & Karmella Barr.

## Babes on Babes

9pm @ Fortune Sound Club, 147 E. Pender St.  
\$20. 19+. Queer long weekend jam/4 rooms/12 DJs/1 party! Featuring some of California's finest: VonKiss + Ms.Jackson + ChinaG + AlexD and a ton of local faves!

## LEGENDS - Drag Show

9-11pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute Street  
\$10 Advance. 19+. Jaylene Tyme & special guests. DJ DOMTOP. Ticket info at facebook.com/xyvancouver.

## Open Relationship presents: BODY LANGUAGE

9pm-2am (licensed event) @ Gorg-o-Mish, 695 Smithe St.  
19+. Queer Sweaty Dance Party. DJs Body Party Ponyboy G-Luve + special guest w/ Man Up go go dancers! Partial proceeds to go to A Loving Spoonful. Advance ticket info at gorgomish.com.

## Rapture: VICTORY

10pm @ The Commodore Ballroom  
\$30+. 19+. Closing party to Rapture Pride 2017 Weekend with DJ Kitty Glitter, DJ Del Stamp with special performance by Shokra.

## BYE FELICIA/SheQuee

11pm-4am @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute Street  
\$10 Advance. 19+. Hosted b Alma Biches. SH\*TNEY HOUSTON + MAARQUIL + Noni St. Darling (PDX), Djs QUEST - COLBY B (NYC) - G-Luve Ambrosia Salad(LA). Ticket info at facebook.com/xyvancouver.

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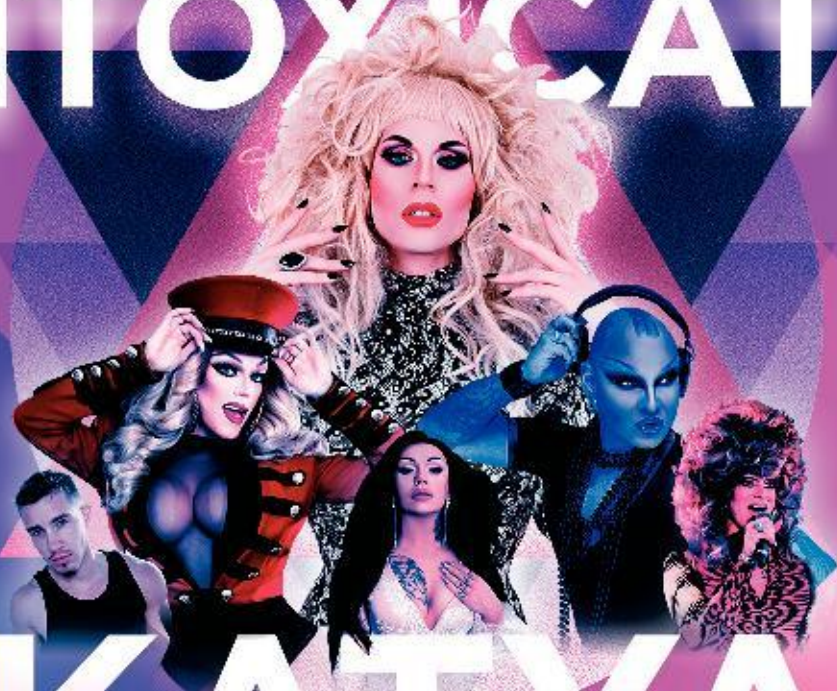
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\$10-\$15. 19+. Pride Sunday afterhours ft. underground House & Techno with female/LGBTQ DJs: Sappho (PDX), Kasey Riot (LDN), Jane Blaze, Nancy Dru & Nomad Black. Call the Hotline on Aug. 6 for address: 604-367-1794.

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2am -9am @ @ Gorg-o-Mish, 695 Smithe St.

19+. Deko-ze, Karsten Sollors, Shelrawka (Sea), Queensyze. Partial proceeds to go to A Loving Spoonful. Advance ticket info at gorgomish.com.

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

### **2SQTLGBiPoC Pride Celebration**

5pm @ Carnegie Community Centre, 401 Main St.

By donation. All Ages. Come, reclaim this Pride Day in a safe space for Two-Spirit, Queer, Trans, Intersex and Bisexual People of Colour to celebrate Pride.

### **QueerProv Pride Hangover Show**

8pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.

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To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riot in 1994, Gilbert Baker created a mile long Rainbow Flag which required 5000 people to carry. Another 25th Anniversary - the anniversary of the Rainbow Flag - prompted Gilbert Baker to create another flag, this one reaching from the Atlantic Ocean in Key West to the Gulf of Mexico. This flag was later split into sections, and sent to over a hundred cities around the world. One segment of this flag now resides in Vancouver with the Vancouver Pride Society. The flag is brought to

various Pride events, and is loaned to other regional Pride events around the province.

Gilbert Baker refused to trademark the flag, considering it as belonging collectively to the community and saying that "flags are torn from the soul of the people." Since he first created the Pride flag, many communities have created their own Pride flags, such as: the Leather Pride, Bisexual Pride, Trans Pride, Ace Pride, and many more. Most recently, in June 2017, Philadelphia added a black and a brown stripe to symbolize people of color. People have been creating flags which express their communities, creating beautiful, political and poignant symbols which speak to their souls.

Gilbert Baker passed away earlier this year on March 31st at the age of sixty-five. We remember his legacy.

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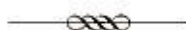


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