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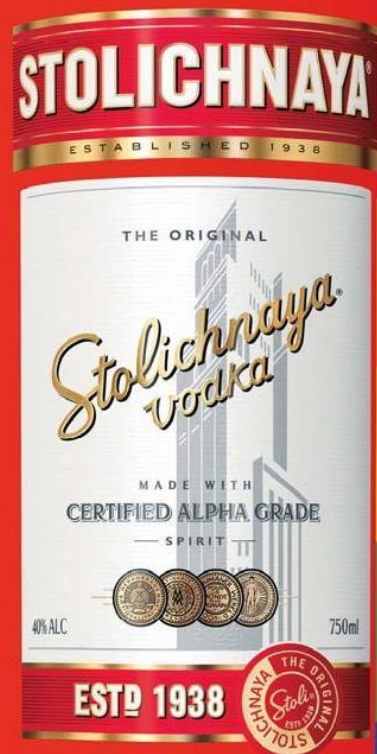
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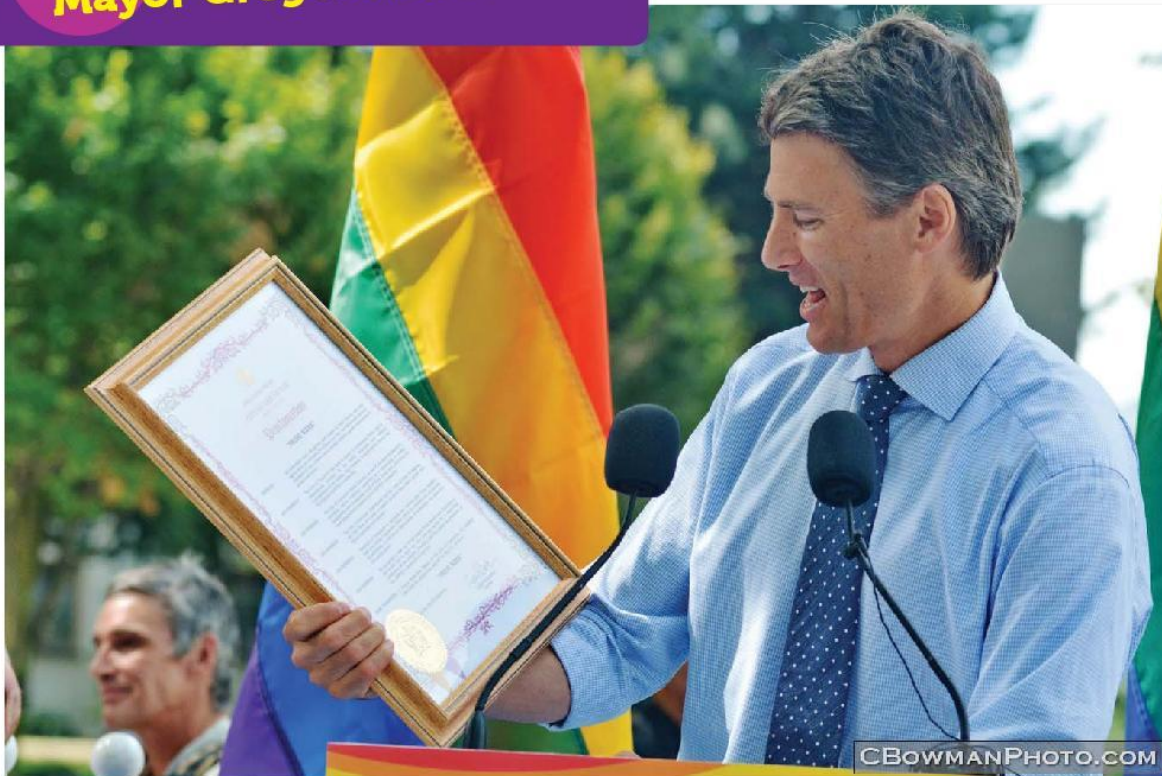
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## Message from Mayor Gregor Robertson



On behalf of the citizens of Vancouver and my colleagues on City Council, I want to extend my warmest greetings to the Vancouver's Pride Parade and Festival 2018. This year the City of Vancouver has declared 2018 as *Year of the Queer* and I want to congratulate the LGBTQ2S+ community and the Vancouver Pride Society on this great achievement.

Celebrating Vancouver Pride Society's 40th anniversary in 2018, the free and inclusive festival reflects the spirit of the LGBTQ2S+ community and reminds us that Pride is for everyone. 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.

The organizations celebrating the *Year of the Queer* have collectively provided over 330 years of service to the city's LGBTQ2S+ community, and continue to make significant contributions to the social, cultural, and artistic landscape of Vancouver.

I would once again like to thank the Vancouver Pride Society, the LGBTQ2S+ community, the 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, Happy Pride!

Yours truly,

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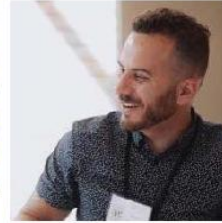
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**O**n behalf of the Vancouver Pride Society board of directors, we would like to welcome you to celebrate our very special 40th anniversary.

40 years of Pride in Vancouver represents a significant amount of societal change. As we reflect on how far we have come, we have been honoured to hear so many stories from our elders about what it was like to be here in Vancouver during those early years. Before our community had equal protections under the law, before we were able to marry or have families of our own, before we could move around freely without fear of harm, before government cared about issues that affected us, dozens of brave people celebrated who they were.

So many victories have been realized in the four decades since, but there is still so much work to do. Lucky for us, our youth are leading the way. On issues of diversity

and inclusion, young people across Metro Vancouver are making their voices heard. At the centre of many of these discussions is identity.

Whether it be sexual orientation or gender identity, ethnicity or ability, age or immigration status, it is easy to put pieces of who we are into boxes. But this year, we wanted to celebrate every part of us. We want everyone who comes to Pride to be free to be themselves.

Whether it is East Side Pride or the Pride Sports Day, the Pride Parade or Pride Festival, we invite you to Be You. Bring ALL of you.  
**#BeYouVancouver**

In Pride,

*Charmaine de Silva and Michelle Fortin*  
*Co-Chairs*



An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. In the top left, a lush green forested hill meets a white sandy beach. Several people are walking on the sand. The water is a vibrant turquoise, with two white speedboats with blue and yellow accents anchored in the shallows. The bottom of the image shows a coral reef with various shades of blue and green.

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# Indigenous Welcomes

## Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society

Members of the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society, a non-profit Two-Spirit community organization, will be present at all Pride events to perform the Down Ceremony. The Down Ceremony is a sacred ceremony used by many coastal First Nations, and gives us an opportunity to cleanse the grounds on which Pride events will be held. The Down feathers, which are blown into the air, is a part of the ceremonial cleansing which offers a blessing, and it may fall on your person. It also signifies that "we come in peace!"



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Welcome to the ancestral territory of the həŋqəm̩əŋ speaking Musqueam people and also Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.

It brings us great joy to be part of the 40th Annual Vancouver Pride Parade, and to join the celebration and honouring of our respected Two Spirit relatives, and our LGBTQIA+ friends and allies.

We raise our hands to the organizers of these important events, and look forward to sharing the Pride and Love with you again this year.

**Musqueam Nation**



Ta Néwyap, Síiyam̩ Ta  
 Néwyap Síiyay̌  
 (To Friends and Respected  
 Leaders)

Chet wa kʷayácht̩ni-túmiyap  
 (We raise our hands, in thanks  
 to you all)

Yəwəŋ ha7lh skwálwen-chet  
 kwis tlʷa7áshen-chet  
 (We are really happy to celebrate  
 with you all)

Nchʷ7mut kwi skwálw-  
 en-chet  
 (All of our hearts are one)

On behalf of the Squamish Nation Community we would like to unite with all of our two spirited people to embrace and celebrate diversity and love. We are pleased to support our Squamish Nation Citizens from the LGBTQIA- I2S+ community and will continue to encourage to BE FREE, BE RESPECTED, BE UNIQUE, BE BEAUTIFUL, BE UNSTOPPABLE AND BE YOU.

Nchʷ7mut-One Love

**Squamish Nation**



**TSLEIL-WAUTUTH**  
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Welcome to the traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people. We are honoured to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Vancouver Pride with all of you.

Our nation is happy to share some of our culture with the City of Vancouver and the Pride community.

We hope you enjoy your visit on our beautiful shared territory. We say "Happy Pride" to all of our two-spirited and LGBTQIA+ friends and relatives.

*Chief Maureen Thomas*

Chief Maureen Thomas  
**Tsleil-Waututh Nation**

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



### GVNCS Two Spirit Flag

The Society flag was commissioned by the Council of Elders to the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society (GVNCS) in 2016. Its design was created by Elder and Chief 19 and 36, Silver Coyote, with blessings by all Elders present that year.

The flag shows two of the Society's cultural logos—the salmon, representing the West Coast, hugging the tepee in the center, signifying the creation of the Society by the plains people who migrated to the Lower Mainland. The words "Two Spirit" were added recently, because of the pioneers' determination to blaze a trail so that all Two Spirit people, then and now, could enjoy a safe space here in Vancouver. The colourful rainbow feathers signify many Indigenous cultures within GVNCS.

This year, GVNCS enjoys the honour of having its flag raised at the "Year of the Queer" launch at Vancouver's City Hall. Being recognized by the community at large contributes to the Society's history of continuous development over many years of claiming our right as Indigenous members of LGBTQ2S+ communities and of the City of Vancouver.

GVNCS's flag will also fly over Victoria City Hall this year as requested by Victoria Pride!

### 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 may identify themselves as gay, lesbian, trans or other queer identities. 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.



## Fundraising



**F**unds raised during the 2018 Pride Season go not only towards creating a world-class Pride Parade and Festivals which are free for everyone to attend, but also support non-profit organizations that provide services to LGBTQAI2S+ communities.

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.

### Toonies For Pride **SAFEWAY**

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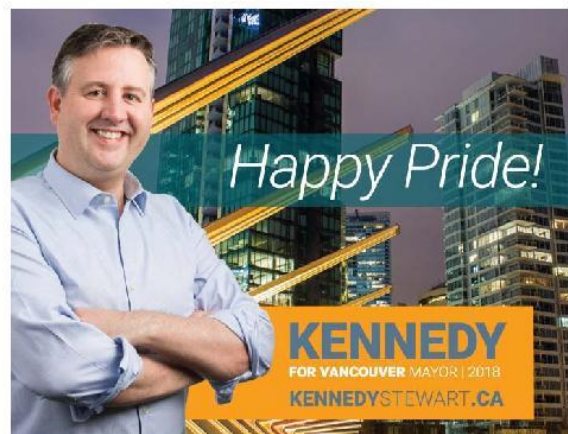


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In 2018, we are inviting people to **Be You. Bring All Of You.** We all come with complex histories and backgrounds, yet are often pressured to compartmentalize our identities. As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we are reflecting on the legacy of activism which has brought about the societal progress we celebrate today, as well as those who are leading the charge today for justice for all members of our communities. It is with pride and pleasure that we announce our **2018 Pride Parade Grand Marshals, Laurie McDonald, Ron Dutton, and A Mile In Our Moccasins**, whose historic and current activism have contributed to the legacy of our diverse communities. Our Grand Marshals will ride in style during the Pride Parade courtesy of Dilawri Auto Group.



Laurie McDonald. Supplied photo

**Laurie McDonald** is a Two-Spirit from the Enoch Cree Nations near Edmonton, Alberta, who recognized at a young age he was given a gift. Supported by his family in early childhood, his life was turned upside in 1960, when he was scooped and placed in the Ermineskin Indian Residential School where his life became a daily struggle. Upon leaving, Laurie promised himself that he would do everything in his power to restore the pride in being Two-Spirit, and to protect the rights of Aboriginal children through education. Laurie became one of the founders of the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Two-Spirit Society which is still an active and thriving society 41 years later, educating, supporting, and promoting LGBT and First Nations communities as well as Two-Spirit People.



L to R: William Flett (*A Mile In Our Moccasins*), Mayor Gregor Robertson, Ron Dutton. Glenn Stensrud photo

During the political activism of the 1970's, **Ron Dutton** began documenting the gay liberation movement. This groundbreaking activism was making history, yet no one seemed to be documenting it. Ron drew on his library science skills to collect and organize everything that came to hand, from posters and political pamphlets to press reports and meeting minutes. The Archives profile quickly expanded as Ron began collecting backwards as queer material emerged about the past. Ron became an obsessive advocate for preserving the rich, unique heritage of Greater Vancouver's queer communities. 42 years later, the BC Gay & Lesbian archives now tops ¾ million items, and has outgrown Ron's capacity to store it. In March 2018, the archives were moved to the City of Vancouver Archives for its conservation, public access, and conversion into searchable, permanent formats.

## A Mile In Our

**Moccasins** is a film co-created by five Indigenous Youth living with HIV. The film was an idea brought to life through an Indigenous talking circle, which gave them an opportunity to share the realities, strengths, challenges, and experiences of living with HIV. This powerful process was the vision that became *A Mile In Our Moccasins*; a mixture of lived experience, scientific facts, and Indigenous culture and spirituality are woven throughout the film. The film combats HIV stigma and addresses HIV myths while awakening compassion and awareness in viewers. The youth in the film are not victims; they have transformed some of the darkest parts of their lives and used them as a driving force to support and empower Indigenous communities. Storytelling is one of the oldest forms of teaching and knowledge transfer in Indigenous culture. *A Mile in Our Moccasins* is a story of resilience, healing, and empowerment.



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we get the chance to bring all of ourselves to the table?

This year, as Vancouver Pride Society celebrates our 40th Anniversary, our board and staff have reflected on the monumental societal changes that have occurred over our lifetimes. From Bill C-150 to We Demand, from Little Sisters vs Canada to the Pinetree GSA, we are the recipients of a legacy which strove to carve out a space for us, not to assimilate, but to be ourselves. As we celebrate this milestone, we honour the elders whose activism afforded us the ability to have these conversations today; and we look to the youth who are making groundbreaking strides in creating a culture in which we can openly embrace our every part of our identities.

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VPS is committed to hiring community members with differing abilities, as well as trans people and people of colour whenever possible.

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### Questions?

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### Thank-You

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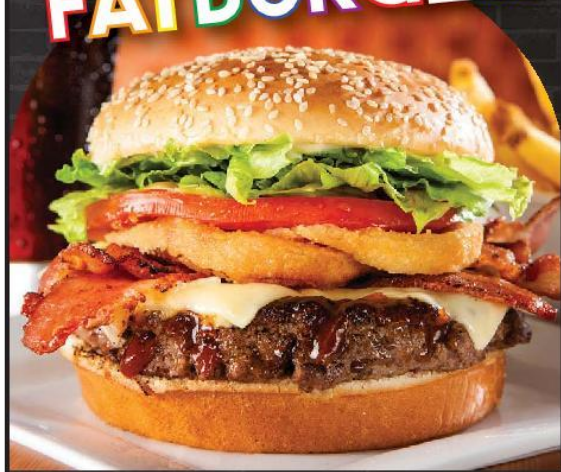
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Whether you enjoy traditional sports, or prefer alternative outdoor activities, **Pride Sports Day** has something for you. Originally called the Teddy Bear Picnic, then Picnic In The Park, this event has a notable history stretching back to the 1980s.

Preceding Sports Day, Vancouver Frontrunners 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 free, fun, and family-friendly event featuring sports, music, and recreational activities. Whether you are a hard-core sports fan or ping pong n' picnic games are more your speed, you will find something for you. Visit the beer garden, stroll through the

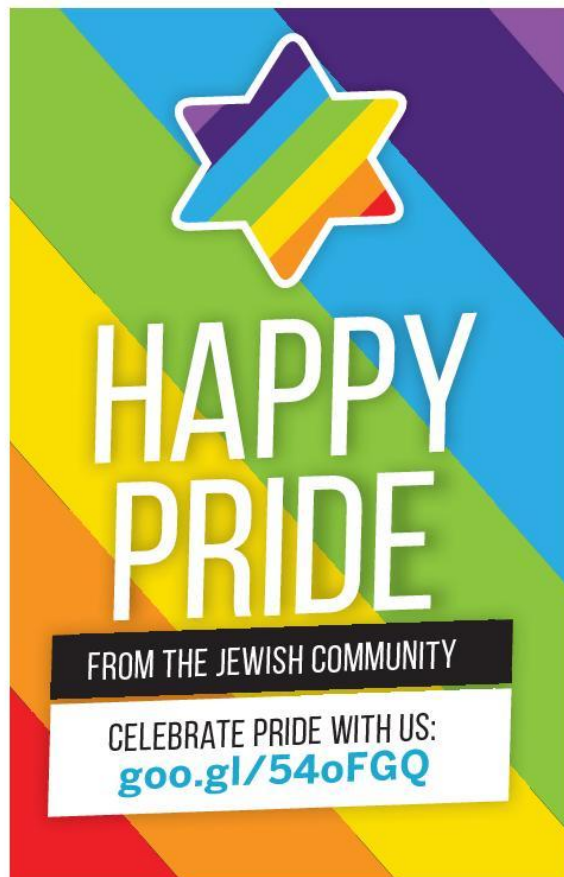
vendor village, grab a bite from a food truck, and see what our Community Partners have to offer.

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**5** AUGUST  
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3PM - 7PM



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Pride has come to the North Shore with an all-ages alcohol-free dance party on the picturesque pier at Shipbuilder's Square. In 2017, Vancouver Pride Society partnered with the City of North Vancouver to create the first public Pride party on the North Shore. The event was a resounding success, and we are excited to partner again in 2018.

In 2018, the youth have spoken! Over the last several months, an LGBTQAI2S+ youth advisory committee helped plan this year's **Pride**

**At The Pier** and they asked for Drag, Drag, and More Drag, so we are bringing it to them! Dance along the water to local queer DJs, take in magnificent Drag performances, and hit up one of our craft and activity stations. Whether you are young, or just young at heart, we welcome you to celebrate Pride, at the pier!



### Shade tents are provided.

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A large banner for IGA's Happy Pride event. The banner features a rainbow background with vertical stripes in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and pink. The IGA logo is in the top left corner. The text 'Happy Pride' is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center. Below the text, there are various pieces of fruit, including orange slices, pineapple chunks, and grapefruit segments, arranged in a decorative pattern. At the bottom of the banner, there are four locations listed: Burrard IGA, Robson IGA, W. Broadway IGA, and West 4th IGA.

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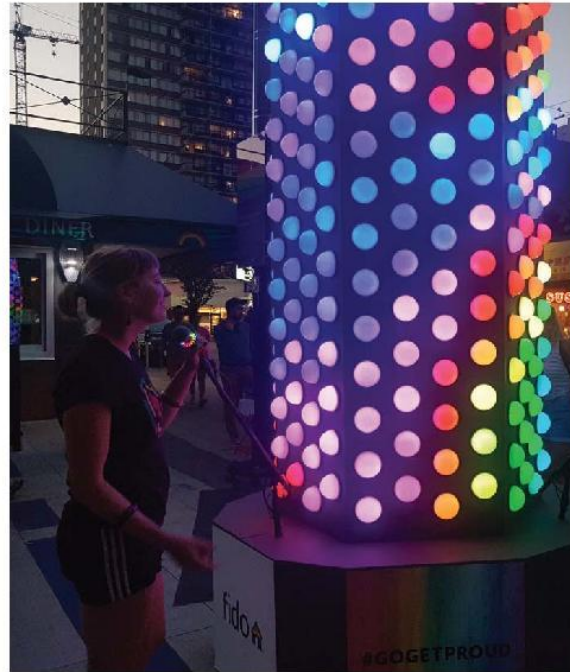


## Pride Gateway

August 1-5 • 10am-10pm  
Jim Deva Plaza

We are proud to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in a location rich with meaning and history. Join us every day from August 1-5 in the Jim Deva Plaza for **Pride Gateway** to learn about Pride events in the city and pick up an official Pride Guide. Visiting town? Making Pride plans? Staff will be present to answer your Pride Week questions and tell you about our events. Learn LGBTQAI2S+ history and play trivia games for the chance to win #BeYouVancouver stickers. Need some Pride Swag? Buy a Pride Flag! We will be selling hand-held Pride flags while supplies last all week at the Pride Gateway.

**Pride Gateway** will feature several public art pieces which invite you to interact and engage with them. Work together with a friend to bring Strut the Peacock to life (more information on page 24), and create a dazzling display of rainbow lights on the Pride Obelisk, a voice-ac-



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## Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast

FREE • August 4 • 8am-12pm  
Bute Street at Davie

Terry Wallace, manager of the Castle Pub, raised money through the pub through 50/50's and pull-tab machines to fund the Pride Parade through years of financial uncertainty. Terry Wallace died in 2004 and is remembered as a gentle peace-keeper who worked out of the spotlight.

We invite you to join the Vancouver Pride Society for a by-donation community breakfast honouring the legacy of one of our founders. Enjoy a pancake breakfast buffet in the heart of the Davie Village, courtesy of Independent Grocer and Super Save Group. Browse through the Vancouver Pride Society's From The Archives exhibit and socialize with new and old friends at a community-centric event.



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# Sunset Beach Festival

FREE • August 5 • 11am-6pm  
Sunset Beach



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Celebrate our 40th Anniversary with a festival along beautiful Sunset Beach!

Spend the day dancing by the water to our lineup of local talent on the Main Stage, or join us after the Pride Parade for a cool drink and cooler tunes in the beer garden. Visit our 150+ exhibitors in our Vendor Village, bringing you photobooths and Pride Swag and everything in-between! Hungry? Grab a bite to eat from one of many food and beverage trucks and take it over to one of the picnic tables in the Community & Family Zone. Chill in the Sober Lounge, presented by Together We Can Addiction Society, and learn local history at the **Vancouver Pride Society's From The Archives** exhibit.

The West End is incredibly busy on Pride Sunday and is subject to road closures. #RideToPride and park your bike with the Bicycle Valet. Check [www.vancouver-pride.ca](http://www.vancouver-pride.ca) for updated information on road closures and transit planning.

**ASL-English interpretation is provided at all times on our Main Stage. Shade tents are provided next to cement pathways.** Details will be available on our website as they are confirmed. Please contact [accessibility@vancouverpride.ca](mailto:accessibility@vancouverpride.ca) or call the office at 604-687-0955 with any access questions

## Community Zone

**Visit The MIX booth to share your #BeYouVancouver story and make your own animated Pride gif.**

The Community Zone features booths from our many Community Partners which includes organizations who are working hard to advance human rights and support communities. Learn how you can access support locally, get educated on LGBTQAI2S+ issues, and join in fun activities. Our Community Partners are offering exciting activities including the chance to learn Ultimate Frisbee with Raincity Ultimate, dance lessons with Dance in Transit, and Story Time with Out On The Shelves.

## Family Fun Zone presented by Hollyburn Properties

After a hot day of cheering on or marching in the Pride Parade, stroll down to the Sunset Beach Family Fun Zone at Jervis and Beach. The Family Fun Zone features free and by-donation entertainment for the whole family including the giant Paintillio paint-by-numbers canvas.



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## 40th Annual Pride Parade

August 5 • 12pm-3pm

Robson Street, Denman Street, Beach Avenue



The Vancouver Pride Parade is renowned on the international stage as one of the largest LGBTQAI2S+ events in the world.

**The theme of Pride 2018 is Be You. Bring All Of You.** Use #BeYouVancouver on social media to tell us why it is important to you to celebrate all of your identities.

Vote for your favourite Pride Parade entries on the Vancouver Pride App or visit [vancouverpride.ca](http://vancouverpride.ca) for instructions on how to vote.

### 2018 Pride Parade Emcees

"The Unstoppable" **Conni Smudge** will be emceeding in front of the Safeway @ Denman & Robson. From the biker bars of Nanaimo to the grand theatres of Europe, Conni Smudge has performed in some of the unlikely places.

Well-known community member and communications professional **Caryl Dolinko** will be emceeding outside of Denman Place Mall. Caryl has held many positions within local and international communities including InterPride, Friends Help Friends, Vancouver Dyke March, and Vancouver Pride.

Past Vancouver Pride Grand Marshal **Joan-E** will emcee for you outside The Boathouse

during the Pride Parade. An inductee of Canada's Queer Hall Of Fame, Joan-E has received both The Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals from Queen Elizabeth II.

### Don't forget:

- Please stay off the road. Let marchers come to you to give you free swag and ensure that floats have room to move.
- Do not spray water or throw objects at entries. Our community members have put a lot of time and money into their hair, make-up and costumes. Please respect them!
- Be aware of road closures on Pride Sunday. The Parade begins at noon but roads close from 8am-4pm.
- Leave your car at home and #RideToPride or plan your transit trip.
- Open alcohol is prohibited on streets and in 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 sun-screen and make sure to stay hydrated.



## Accessible Viewing along the parade route



**NEW!** Enjoy our new accessible tactile drag show, *The Magic Of Drag*, produced in partnership with Tuck Entertainment and VocalEye.

**Visit our spoonie tent**—an area set aside for people who would like a low intensity break. Follow our social media for updates as they are confirmed.

### **Beach and Broughton Accessible Viewing Area** offers:

- ASL Interpretation of Parade commentary
- Visual description of Pride Parade for those with vision loss
- Intervenor services, if requested, for Deaf-Blind community members
- Shaded seating area
- Water station
- Accessible washrooms
- Close proximity to the street level Community Zone and Family Fun Zone at Sunset Beach Festival
- 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.
- Friends and family welcome!

### **West End Community Centre**

- Shaded seating area
- Accessible washrooms

**Accessible seating is available to anyone, as well as their friends and family!** We ask that you take the time to make reservations so we can plan for capacity and add additional space if required. We request only your first name or alias, 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.

**Book descriptive interpretation through VocalEye** at 604-364-5949 or [info@vocal-eye.ca](mailto:info@vocal-eye.ca)

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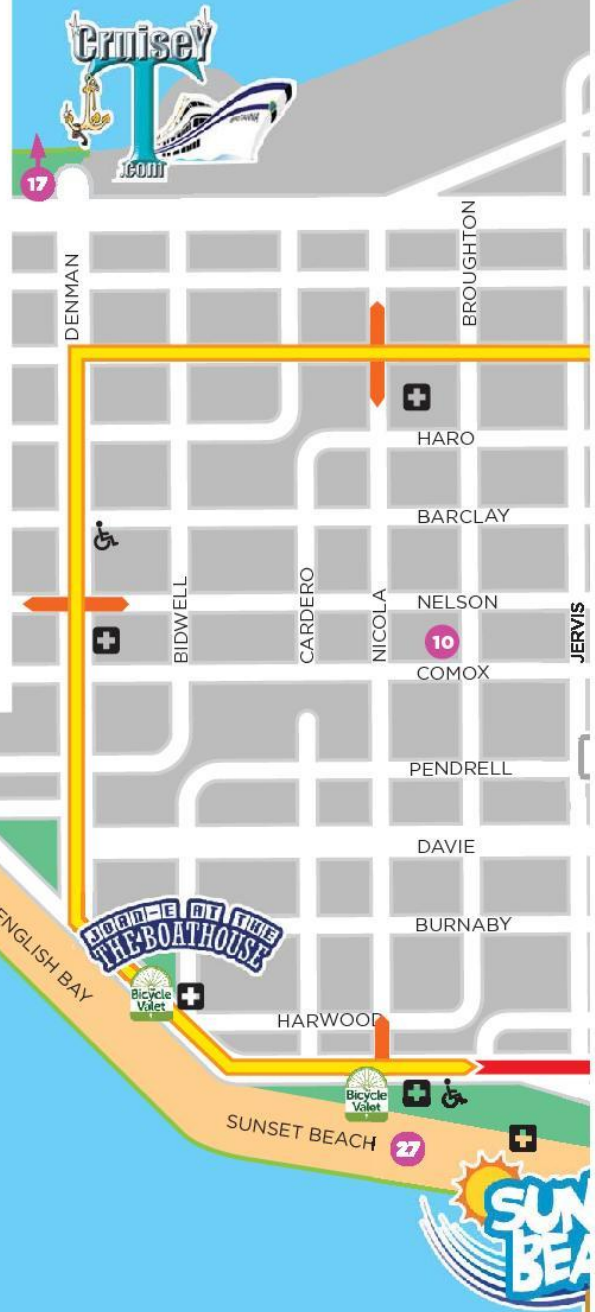
The main Pride Parade Accessible Viewing location was moved from Alexandra Park to the south side of Beach at Broughton in 2017. This area is larger, provides more parking, a better view of the parade, and is a shorter distance to the Sunset Beach Festival.

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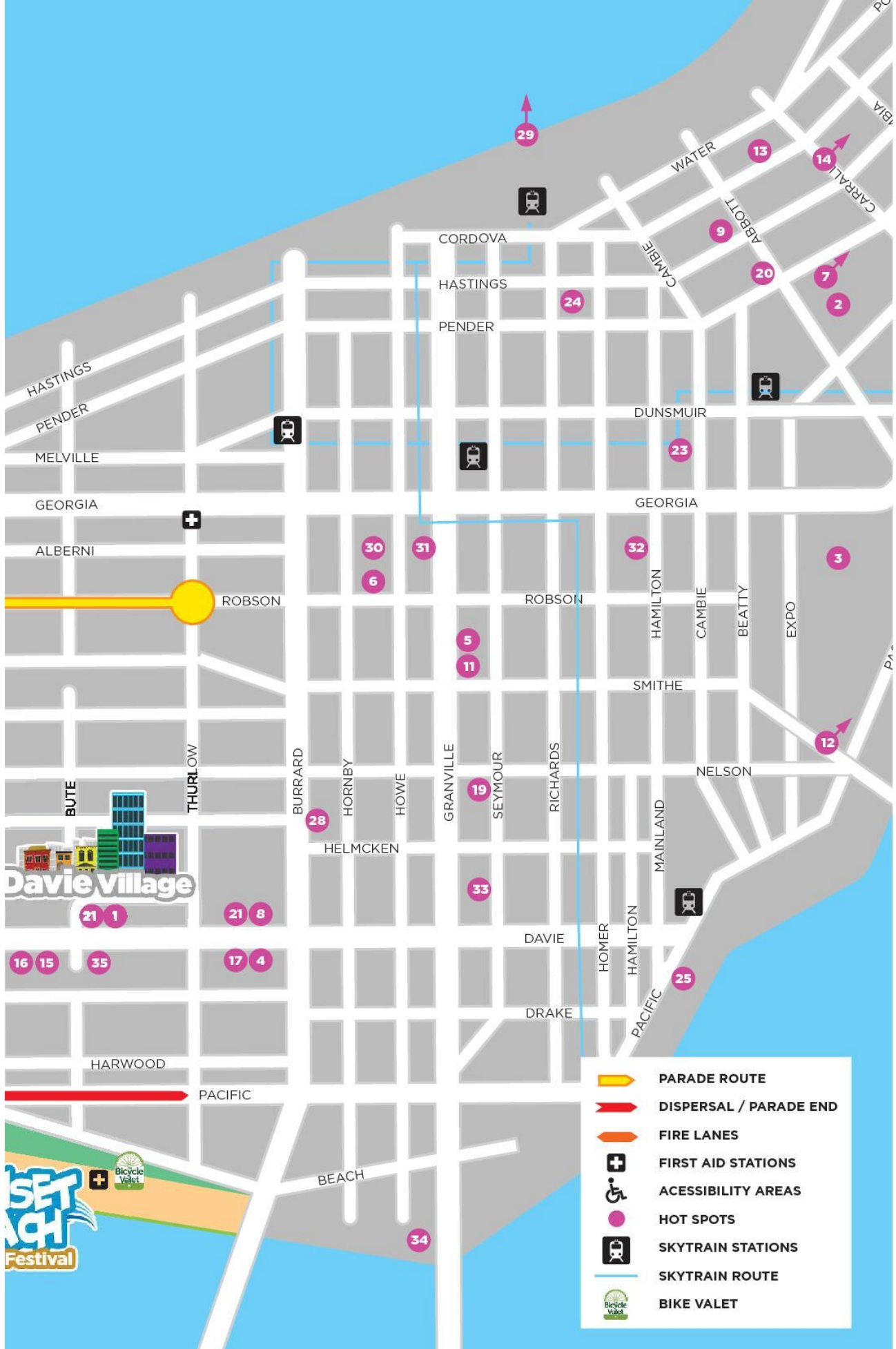


# Vancouver 2018 Pride Map

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| <b>1. 1181</b><br>1181 Davie St.  | <b>18. Numbers Cabaret</b><br>1042 Davie St.   |
| <b>2. Andy Livingstone Park</b><br>89 Expo Blvd.                                    | <b>19. The Penthouse</b><br>1019 Seymour St  |
| <b>3. BC Place</b><br>777 Pacific Blvd  | <b>20. The PINT</b><br>455 Abbott St.  |
| <b>4. Celebrities Nightclub</b><br><b>Celebrities Underground</b><br>1022 Davie St. | <b>21. QMUNITY</b><br>1170 Bute St.  |
| <b>5. The Commodore Ballroom</b><br>868 Granville St                                | <b>22. QMUNITY Accessible Space</b><br>610-1033 Davie St.                                  |
| <b>6. Fairmont Hotel Vancouver</b><br>900 W. Georgia                                | <b>23. Queen Elizabeth Plaza</b><br>695 Cambie St.   |
| <b>7. Fortune Sound Club</b><br>147 E. Pender St.                                   | <b>24. Red Room Ultra Bar</b><br>398 Richards St.  |
| <b>8. Fountainhead Pub</b><br>1025 Davie St.  | <b>25. Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre</b><br>181 Roundhouse Mews          |
| <b>9. Goldcorp Centre for the Arts</b><br>149 W. Hastings St.                       | <b>26. Second Beach</b>  |
| <b>10. Gordon Neighbourhood House</b><br>1019 Broughton St.                         | <b>27. Sunset Beach</b>  |
| <b>11. Gorg-o-Mish</b><br>695 Smithe St.  | <b>28. Sheraton Wall Centre</b><br>1088 Burrard St.  |
| <b>12. Harbour Event Centre/Plaza of Nations Marina</b><br>750 Pacific Blvd.        | <b>29. Shipbuilder's Plaza</b><br>Wallace Mews   |
| <b>13. Hindenburg</b><br>23 W. Cordova St.  | <b>30. Vancouver Art Gallery</b><br>750 Hornby St  |
| <b>14. Imperial Vancouver</b><br>319 Main St.                                       | <b>31. Vancouver City Centre Skytrain Station</b><br>Granville St between Georgia & Robson |
| <b>15. Jim Deva Plaza</b>   | <b>32. Vancouver Public Library</b><br>350 W. Georgia St.                                  |
| <b>16. Little Sister's Book &amp; Art Emporium</b><br>1238 Davie Street             | <b>33. VIFF Vancity Theatre</b><br>1181 Seymour St   |
| <b>17. Malkin Bowl</b><br>610 Pipeline Rd   | <b>34. Waterview Special Event Space</b><br>1661 Granville St.                             |
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## Untoxicated

August 5 • 6pm-10pm  
Bute Street at Davie



2018 marks the 10th Anniversary of Clean Sober and Proud. To celebrate, Last Door Recovery Society promises to host the best **Untoxicated** show ever on Pride Day. Icons Trixie Mattel and Sasha Velour will be gracing the Untoxicated stage in 2018. Along with MCs Crystal Clearly and Alma Bitches will be joined by PIOTR, Raye Sunshine, Jaylene Tyme and DJ Del Stamp.

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 and outreach booths at various Prides. This year they have added Campbell River Island Pride to the network of outreach booths during Pride Season, as well as hosting the Sober Lounge at Pride Premiere.

**This year's street festival will be held on Bute St and Davie from 6 pm to 10 pm.**

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## Alternative Pride Events

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Friday, July 20, 8pm-12am

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[www.qmunity.ca](http://www.qmunity.ca)

### 2018 Trans, Two Spirit, Genderqueer, Intersex March Friday, August 3rd, 6pm

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 grass roots collective of volunteers, the 2018 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 histo-

ries, 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.

Please come prepared for the weather :) Water, snacks and sunscreen will be made available.

**6:00pm** – Come with slogans to put on our brand new signs! Materials provided.

**6:45pm** – March from Clark Park to Victoria Park (Victoria and Grant)

**7:00pm** – Performances from our amazing local trans artists!

Info & Updates at: [transpridevancouver.wordpress.com](https://transpridevancouver.wordpress.com)

Contact us: [LiberationCelebrationMarch@gmail.com](mailto:LiberationCelebrationMarch@gmail.com)

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### Aging With Pride

Wednesday, August 1, 2-4:30pm

Second Floor Eatery, 808 Bute Street

**Please call 604-669-5051 for required registration**



**Aging with Pride (AWP)** has a remarkable legacy of five organizations and seeks to deliver an inclusive event that highlights and celebrates underserved LGBTQ/2S. In Pride we find affirmation of our worth, we ground our lived experiences as foundational, and



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we empower ourselves to propel our communities forward, breaking glass ceilings of inclusion within the community at large and within our own ranks.

Each year the committee connects our communities together to recognize the lived experiences of LGBTQ/2S seniors. This is achieved alongside, and because of, the persistent efforts of the activists who have come before. The AWP committee acknowledges that legacy with admiration and humility.

We want to invite all folks to continue working towards dismantling of barriers of access, representation, visibility and inclusion for the tremendous 55+ LGBTQ/2S senior community.

—Aging with Pride Committee

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

### **Absolutely Fabulous Neighbourhood Pride Party**

**Thursday, August 2, 8-11pm**

Gordon Neighbourhood House, 1019 Broughton St. **\$5, 19+**

Let's get the Pride weekend started! **Absolutely Fabulous** is one of our favorite nights of the year. Co-hosted by Black Lives Matter Vancouver and Young Ideas, this neighbourhood house party features invigorating music, dance, and performances by local, black, queer, and trans folks.

Tickets can be purchased on the Young Ideas Facebook page. Get your ticket early, as every year we sell out. Admission includes one drink, additional drinks are \$3.50.

Gordon Neighbourhood House Accessibility Information:

- Wheelchair accessible
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### **15th Vancouver Dyke March & Festival**

**Saturday, August 4, 11am-5pm**

March from McSpadden Park to Grandview Park



Celebrate a milestone with the **Vancouver Dyke March**! We are thrilled to invite you to Vancouver's 15th Dyke March & Festival for a celebration of queer women! Beginning in McSpadden Park at 11am with pre-March festivities and a community art project, we will then take to the streets and make our way down Commercial Drive at 12pm (noon). From 1-5pm, join us in Grandview Park for artists, performances, and queer-friendly vendors in a space to gather with friends, family, and the community.

The Vancouver Dyke March and Festival celebrates and centres 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 use the word dyke, but may prefer terms such as lesbian, queer, two-spirited, bisexual, pansexual, asexual or aromantic.

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



## Were you directly affected by the LGBT Purge in the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP or Federal Public Service?

**A settlement has been approved by the court. Please read this notice carefully.**

A settlement between the Canadian Federal Government and certain current or former members of the Canadian Armed Forces (“CAF”), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (“RCMP”) and employees of the Federal Public Service (“FPS”) who were affected by the LGBT Purge has been approved by the court. The “**LGBT Purge**” refers to actions taken by the Federal Government of Canada to identify, investigate, sanction, and in some cases, terminate the employment of or discharge LGBTQ2 members of the CAF, RCMP or FPS.

The class action lawsuits were commenced by Todd Ross, Martine Roy, and Alida Satalic (the “**Representative Plaintiffs**”). The Federal Government of Canada is called “**Canada**”.

**WHO IS INCLUDED?** The settlement provides for certain benefits and compensation to the following individuals (“**Class Members**”): All current or former members of the CAF, current or former members of the RCMP, and current or former Employees of the FPS, who were alive as of October 31, 2016 and who faced threat of sanction, were investigated, were sanctioned, or who were discharged or released from the CAF or RCMP or terminated from the FPS, or who resigned from the FPS, in connection with the LGBT Purge, by reason of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression between December 1, 1955 and June 20, 1996.

Family members of individuals who are deceased, but who would otherwise fall within one of the above classes are not Class Members and are not eligible for compensation. They may however, apply for and may be found to be eligible to receive individual recognition measures.

All Class Members, except those who validly opt out of the settlement, will be bound by the settlement, will be covered by the releases in the settlement, and will not have the right to sue Canada for harms caused by the LGBT Purge.

**WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?** The settlement provides: (a) Broad based reconciliation and memorialization measures to be funded by Canada in an amount not less than \$15 million; (b) Individual reconciliation and recognition measures consisting of (i) an award to be created and called the Canada Pride Citation; and (ii) a personal letter of apology; and (c) Individual compensation for those who were directly affected by the official policies.

All Class Members are eligible for individual reconciliation and recognition measures.

Only those Class Members who establish that they were investigated, sanctioned, discharged or terminated, are eligible to claim Individual Compensation. The range of Individual Compensation for most Class Members will be between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Class Members who experienced exceptional harm such as PTSD or who were sexually assaulted may be eligible for additional amounts.

**HOW DO I GET THIS MONEY AND THESE BENEFITS?** You must make a claim for money and/or for individual reconciliation and recognition measures. To do so, you must complete a Claim Form and send it to the Claims office during the Claims Period. The Claims Period will commence on October 25, 2018 and will end on April 25, 2019. A copy of the Claim Form will be available prior to the commencement of the Claims Period at [www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com](http://www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com). If there is an appeal of the settlement approval order, the Claims Period may be extended or postponed. You are not eligible for these benefits if you opt out.

**HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?** Amounts will depend on the type of harm you suffered and how many Eligible Class Members submit claims in the settlement. The details are explained in the settlement agreement. A copy of the settlement agreement is available here: [www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com](http://www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com).

The Court approved a payment to Class Counsel in the amount of \$15 million, plus applicable tax. You do not need to pay Class Counsel any money.

**WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE BOUND BY THE SETTLEMENT?** If you do not want to be bound by the settlement, you must opt out of the class action by September 20, 2018. If you opt out, you will not be entitled to any benefits or compensation for the settlement, and your claim against Canada in respect of the LGBT Purge will not be released. To opt out of the settlement, you must submit an Opt Out Form to the Claims Administrator. A copy of the Opt Out Form is available at [www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com](http://www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com).

If you have commenced a legal proceeding against Canada relating to the LGBT purge, and you do not discontinue it on or before September 20, 2018 you will be deemed to have opted out of the settlement.

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?** Visit [www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com](http://www.lgbtpurgesettlement.com), call 1-833-346-6178, email [lgbtpurge@deloitte.ca](mailto:lgbtpurge@deloitte.ca), or write to LGBT Purge Class Action, c/o Deloitte, Bay Adelaide East, 8 Adelaide Street West, Suite 200, Toronto ON, M5H 0A9.

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In May of this year, four outstanding individuals received a \$2,000 grant presented by the Vancouver Pride Society. The Society is incredibly proud of this year's recipients and we thank the LOUD Foundation Selection Committee. We offer our congratulations to **Serene Carter, Kate Ellis, Oliver Hebert, and Chrissy Taylor**.

**LOUD Business** is now accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded in



Photo from left: Rohan Hare, Oliver Hebert, Chrissy Taylor, Andrea Arnot.

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## StandOUT Awards recipients

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**The StandOUT! Awards** is a night to acknowledge individuals who have contributed to the LGBTQAI2S+ communities they belong to. We plan the party, you pick the nominees! All recipients are nominated by the community and chosen by a panel of volunteer community members.



*From left to right: Serene Carter, Amar Mangat, Orene Askew, Alex Sangha, Marisa Pahl. Not pictured: Zoée Montpetit, Jeremy Dias.*

**Alex Sangha**, recipient of the **Red-Business Leader Award**, founded Sher Vancouver, a non-profit society for LGBTQ South Asians and their allies. Alex has provided free counselling to youth and members of Sher Vancouver in crisis who can not access affordable counselling and uses his relationships with businesses to support Sher Vancouver's projects.

**Jeremy Dias**, recipient of the **Orange-Educator Award**, founded and continues to raise money for the BC LGBTQ2+ Youth Forum, an annual event which brings youth and educators together from across BC to learn about their culture, community, health, and ways to be a changemaker.

**Zoée Montpetit**, recipient of the **Yellow-Social Activist Award**, founded Queer ASL, a program that offers safer spaces for queer and transgender folks to learn American Sign Language in a reduced barrier space. Queer ASL creates paid jobs for Deaf queer and transgender people who want to teach ASL.

**Marisa Pahl**, recipient of the **Green-Friend Of The Environment Award**, uses

art to create conversations around human relationships with the land. Partnering with nonprofits and grassroots organizations, Marisa uses her art to raise funds for conservation efforts.

**Serene Carter** was the recipient of the **Blue-Youth Award**, and chose to share the award and any opportunities stemming from it with **Amar Mangat** who was nominated alongside her.

Amar spoke on the Youth Perspectives: Leadership, Accessibility and Inclusion panel at the UN as a Deaf youth representative, showed his film *Amar: Deaf is an Identity* at the Vancouver Queer Film Festival in 2016

**Orene Askew**, recipient of the **Purple-Kimberly Nixon Trans, Two-Spirit, Gender Non-conforming, Contribution to Community Award**, is a DJ, motivational speaker, teacher, workshop facilitator and LGBTQ2+ advocate. Orene was recently elected to Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council and is one of the first openly two-spirit members to sit on council.





Sonia Furstenau - Deputy leader  
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## Asexual/Aromantic Visibility

### What Asexual And Aromantic Visibility Mean to Me

by Justine, a.k.a. Heart

Once upon a time, I thought I was "normal". I thought I'd come with all the defaults: cisgendered girl, heterosexual, monogamous. I think this is how a lot of people's stories start.

I got myself a boyfriend, I fell in love. I did the monogamous, straight, cis thing. And it worked. Until it didn't. I was supposed to "be ready" for sex one day, to want it even.

That feeling when it doesn't work is the defining moment for me of being queer. It was a moment that lasted years and was full of twists and turns, but it was my moment. I started by feeling broken, lost, alone, and unworthy of affection, all because I don't love the same way everyone else seems to. I watched my hopes vanish and I grasped desperately at the fleeting dreams sliding away, trying to keep even just a wisp of them from fading away into nothing. I felt my sense of self being ripped away from me, having nothing left of those hopes and dreams. Having to start from the ground up to rebuild how I saw my future.

I tried talking to a doctor. Maybe it was hypoactive sexual desire disorder. Maybe it was a fear of pregnancy. Here take these pills they might help.

But they didn't. I was still deeply in love, but I was still not sexually attracted to the man I was in love with. Pills can't fix that. It doesn't need fixing.

It took a couple years and many dark times to find a label to call this part of me that wasn't "right". I don't feel sexual attraction, and I don't feel any innate desire for sex. I want cuddles, corny dates, hugs and emotional intimacy. I want romantic love, but I don't need the sexy bits. And that's ok.

I'm not broken or alone. I'm worthy and capable of love. I found new hopes and dreams, ones that are mine, not given to me by Hollywood but found deep inside the most intimate of places of myself.

Hello world. I'm panromantic, polyamorous, and asexual.

Vitis [asexuality.org](http://asexuality.org) for more information on asexuality.

If you're looking to meet some local aces and aros, check out:

- [facebook.com/groups/ace.vancouver/](https://facebook.com/groups/ace.vancouver/)
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## QMUNITY's Peer Support Groups

by Hanna Jacobsen, Trans Gathering Facilitators - QMUNITY

It has been three years since Caitlyn Jenner came out, and since then we have seen an explosion of media coverage of transgender lives and narratives. The trans people we have always known as our coworkers, neighbours, and children are now also in Netflix shows and on the evening news. But the vast majority of this media attention is focused on a small, privileged segment of the community: those who are white, able-bodied, skinny, and have access to hormones and surgery. This creates a narrow definition of what it means to be trans.

Despite this boom in representation, much of the community still finds themselves erased in mainstream media narratives, especially those who are non-binary, low-income, sex workers, disabled, and racialized. These are the people who gave us the first Pride in 1969; the same people who are now

being murdered at alarming rates, and are still revolutionizing what "Pride" represents. When we allow the media to reuse the same faded story of a 'girl born in a boy's body', we tell others that their stories are not valid, that they can't possibly be trans, and that they don't belong in their own community. This is dangerous.

We all tell stories about ourselves every day, but we cannot let our own narrative become the only possible one. Many trans-led initiatives are uplifting the voices of transgender people of all bodies, all cultures, all gender expressions, all transition journeys, and all ages. Above all, these stories remind us that our kaleidoscopic experiences cannot be generalized or boxed in.

QMUNITY's peer-facilitated Trans Gathering support group is one place to tell your authentic story without fear of judgement. Visit [qmunity.ca/groups/](http://qmunity.ca/groups/) to learn more about all of our peer support groups.



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**Options for Sexual Health** provides sexual and reproductive health care, information, and education from a feminist, pro-choice, sex positive perspective. [www.optionsforsexualhealth.org](http://www.optionsforsexualhealth.org)

**PFLAG** is an advocacy organization which provides resources and support for LGBTQ+ community members and allies. [www.pflagvancouver.com](http://www.pflagvancouver.com)

**Qmunity** provides resources, educational programming, and community programs and support for youth and seniors. [www.qmunity.ca](http://www.qmunity.ca)

**RainCity Housing** provides housing and support services to those living with addictions, mental illness and other challenges. [www.raincityhousing.org](http://www.raincityhousing.org)

**Saige Community Food Bank** at Kiwassa Neighbourhood House offers a food bank and community kitchen in a trans and gender-variant safe space. [facebook.com/Saige-Community-Food-Bank/](https://facebook.com/Saige-Community-Food-Bank/)

**SAFER** works to reduce suicide risk among those in crisis, assist family and friends, promotes healing among those bereaved by suicide and provides an online chat. **1-800-784-2433**, [youthinbc.com/2008/07/02/safer/](http://youthinbc.com/2008/07/02/safer/)

**Transgender Health Information Program** offers support groups, information and health resources about trans care within BC. [www.transhealth.phsa.ca](http://www.transhealth.phsa.ca)

**WISH Drop-In Centre** located at 334 Alexander Street, Van, serves women who are sex workers with a drop-in, clinic, centre and more. [facebook.com/WISHDropIn](https://facebook.com/WISHDropIn)

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## Harm Reduction

Like many queer folks, my first contact with the community was the nightlife scene. This involved me—far too young—being dragged by a friend to Heaven's Door. Like many "first time" stories, more than one bad decision was made that evening. I am a better judge of my own limits with intoxication, more conscious of respecting personal boundaries, and more comfortable asserting my own. In many ways these were hard learned lessons, drawing from plenty of bad decisions along the way.

This journey led to my work with **Karmik**. **Karmik** is a local harm reduction organization that offers outreach services to nightlife events. We advocate for supportive spaces, opening dialogue around topics like safer drug use and safer sex. We work with communities to provide resources, education and peer counselling relating to issues in nightlife health.

As nightlife spaces continue to bear a particular relevance for queer communities, I am very excited to announce **Karmik's** support at

Vancouver Pride Society events for a second year running! Talk to us to learn more about **Karmik**, and to pick up supplies like condoms and earplugs. Our team of trained volunteers will be there if you have questions or need someone to chat with. Have a good summer, and see you at Pride!

[www.facebook.com/karmik.ca](http://www.facebook.com/karmik.ca)

—as told by a Karmik Co-Ordinator

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

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### Queer Arts Festival: Karin Lee: QueerSUM

12-6pm @ Sum Gallery, 268 Keefer St.

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## SATURDAY, JULY 21

### Vancouver Gaymers: Queers Be Gaming

11am-6pm @ La Fontana Caffè, 101-3701 Hastings St. Free. All Ages. Event for queers, allies, nerds, gamers and geeks of all types, shapes and sizes who love to game! Play board games, video games, and Steam games!

## SUNDAY, JULY 22

### Vancouver Frontrunners: Pride Run & Walk

8:30am @ Second Beach Park, Stanley Park  
\$30-\$40. All Ages. Join the 14th annual Pride Run & Walk with 5km and 10km run/walk options available. A community-minded event raising money for the community.

### Pride Sports Day

11am-5pm @ Second Beach Park, Stanley Park  
Free. All Ages. Previously called Picnic In The Park, Pride Sports Day features a day of family-friendly sports, recreational activities and music on beautiful Second Beach.

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

July 22-August 4, 2018

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## MONDAY, JULY 23

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

### Vancouver Queer Improv Society: QueerProv: Pride Kick Off Show

8-9:30pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.

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## TUESDAY, JULY 24

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

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### Vancouver Fetish Weekend: Kinky Cocktails Meet and Greet Party

9pm-3am @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.

Free. 19+. Open to all our kinky friends in the city and anyone interested in the fetish scene! Come one, come all! No cover - no dress code (though kinky attire is most welcome) - DJs, dancing & more!

### Peter Gajdics: "The Inheritance of Shame: A Memoir"—Reading and Discussion

7:00pm @ Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium, 1238 Davie St.

Free. All Ages. Listen to Peter Gajdics' memoir about his six years in a form of conversion therapy, followed by a discussion about the book's prevailing themes.

## FRIDAY, JULY 27

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

### Pride Premiere

5pm-12am, Outside Vancouver Art Gallery  
Free. All Ages. A 7-hour, 360° party circling the Vancouver Art Gallery? Yes please! Kick-off Pride with life-sized interactive art pieces, a silent disco, beer garden, sober lounge, and a banging main stage.

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend: Black Magic Fetish Ball

9pm-2am @ Imperial Vancouver, 319 Main St.

\$30+. 19+. International fetish & burlesque stage



## Community Event Listings

shows, black magic, occult & witchcraft themed dress code encouraged, kink play areas, DJs, dancing & more.

### **The Lady in Red Gay Pride Fundraising Ball**

6-9pm @ Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, 900 W. Georgia St.

\$99. 19+. The 1st Lady in Red Gay Pride Fundraising Ball features the Ballet BC and Kendall Gender—funds go towards Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation.

### **Shabbat Dinner with Pride Colours**

6:30-11pm @ Floral Hall, VanDusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak St.

Sliding scale – suggested \$10 donation. All Ages. Shalom! Celebrate Pride with the Jewish community for a community-wide & family-friendly Shabbat Dinner. All welcome. Please RSVP: <https://shabbat-dinnerwithpridecolours2018.eventbrite.ca>

## **SATURDAY, JULY 28**

### **Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour**

See July 22 for daily event info.

### **Jazz Up Pride with Martina Griffiths**

8:00pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.

\$20. 19+. Martina will take you on a fun-fused eclectic night of Jazz, and Pride renditions of many other delectable musical selections.

### **Whitecaps Pride Night Match**

7:00pm @ BC Place, 777 Pacific Blvd.

\$37+. All Ages. Celebrate diversity and acceptance while enjoying the best sporting atmosphere in Vancouver. \$5 from each ticket goes to QMUNITY!

### **Vancouver Fetish Weekend: 6 Year**

#### **Anniversary Fetish Ball**

9pm-3am @ Harbour Event Center, 750 Pacific Blvd.

\$40+. 19+. The biggest kink party in Vancouver – fetish fashion shows, vendors, kink play areas, DJs, dancing and more! Dress your sexy best!

## **SUNDAY, JULY 29**

### **Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour**

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### Queers and Beers with Live Music

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\$8-\$15. 19+. Chill vibes and fun times at everyone's favourite hangout party with DJs, food trucks, local beers & ciders, and our beloved parking-lot patio.

### Vancouver Fetish Weekend: Grand Finale Bondage Ball

9pm-2am @ The Penthouse, 1019 Seymour St.

\$20 advance tix only. 19+. It's a kink party takeover of the historic Penthouse strip club! Fetish dress code, DJs, dancing, intimate XXX couture kink & burlesque shows & more. [vancouverfetishweekend.com](http://vancouverfetishweekend.com)

### QueerProv: Pride Improv Workshop

5:30-7pm @ QMUNITY, 1170 Bute St.

\$10. 18+. What does it mean to bring yourself to the stage? We'll look at being a PROUD improviser and comedian who brings their uniqueness on-stage!

## MONDAY, JULY 30

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

### TUTS Pride Night: 42nd Street

8-10:30pm @ Malkin Bowl, 610 Pipeline Road \$30-\$49. All Ages. Use promocode VANPRIDE for \$10 off tix on July 30 Pride Night showing of 42nd Street, Broadway's big, brassy song and dance extravaganza. Tix @ [tuts.ca](http://tuts.ca)

## TUESDAY, JULY 31

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

### Pride At The Pier

5-10pm @ Shipbuilder's Plaza, Wallace Mews Free. All Ages. Celebrate Pride on the North Shore with drag, dancing, and DJs at our outdoor all-aged dance party on the pier.

### Spice World: Pride Movie In The Park

5-11pm @ Second Beach Park, Stanley Park

Free. All Ages. Fresh Air Cinema presents a Pride Week special—free screening of Spice World with pre-show Drag performances.

### Outdoor Movie Night: Pride Edition

7pm. @ The Warehouse, 550 Malkin Ave.

\$10. Pride Week edition of East Van's outdoor movie nights, featuring a moonlight screening of Paris is Burning! Door proceeds to charity.

### An Evening in Damascus

7-10pm @ Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews

\$50-\$60. All Ages. An Evening in Damascus takes you on a journey of Syrian food, music, and belly dancing! All funds will go to support Rainbow Refugee Circle of Hope.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

### Ghost House opening with Puppyteeth

7:00pm @ The Warehouse, 550 Malkin Avenue

19+. An installation embodying the ghosts of our failed relationships, with internationally renowned Vancouver illustrator and mixed media artist, Puppyteeth.

### Pride Youth BBQ

4-6pm @ QMUNITY, 1170 Bute St.

Free. Ages 14-25. Free BBQ and drop-in for LGBTQ/2S+ youth to hang out, seek support, and meet others like them. Youth Workers and volunteers will be present.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

### Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour

See July 22 for daily event info.

### 2069: Ball of the Future

8-11pm, location TBD

\$15-\$20. 19+. A Vogue Ball is a safe and loving environment to celebrate all of YOU. Competitor, spectator, there is a place for everyone at this event!

### Stop Relying on That Body: A Bawdy Body Party

10pm-2am @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.

\$10+. 19+. A scantily clad night in the heart of the village hosted by Peach Cobblah & Carlotta Gurl. Celebrate all shapes and sizes—show skin and smiles!

### A Night of Storytelling

6:30-8:30pm. Vancouver Public Library, 350 W. Georgia St.

Free. All Ages. Five queer authors come together to read from their acclaimed books. Don't miss a night of storytelling!

### Absolutely Fabulous Neighbourhood Pride Party

8-11pm @ Gordon Neighbourhood House, 1019 Broughton St.

\$5. 19+. Co-hosted by Young Ideas and Black Lives Matter Vancouver, this annual event includes amazing performances from black queer and trans folk.



## Community Event Listings

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

#### **Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour**

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#### **Chicks Ahoy! Pride Cruise**

7pm boarding @ Plaza of Nations Marina Dock A, 750 Pacific Blvd  
\$44.99/\$49.99. 19+. Maritime mayhem and rock your world dance floor. Let the swanky, yachtastic delights of the Magic Spirit pilot you through a sticky, glittery, rainbow-filled evening.

#### **QueerProv: Pride Weekend FRUIT BOWL!**

8-9:30pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
Free. 19+. Dan Dumsha hosts the immensley popular friendly competition that has been keeping people laughing for well over a year!

#### **Vancouver Pride with Queer As Funk**

Doors 8pm @ The Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St.  
\$25+. 19+. Renowned for its tight rhythm section, hot horns, and killer vocals, QAF is an explosive, high-energy dance band. You'll be singing along.

#### **Downtown Queer Pride Party**

10pm-2am @ Celebrities Nightclub Underground, 1022 Davie St.  
\$12-\$17. 19+. Queer Pride Kick Off Party by Skylar Love (Lick & Babes on Babes) and DJ Krista, ft. special guest Whitney Day (LA/NY) at Celebs Underground.

#### **Man Up Pride: Let Love Shine**

9pm-2am @ 550 Malkin Ave.  
\$15-\$25. 19+. A decade of binary-breaking drag! East Van's multi-gender queer spectacular returns with a stacked lineup of the city's brightest drag stars and DJs.

#### **RUFF Pride @ ThePINT**

9pm-3am @ The PINT, 455 Abbott St.  
\$30-\$40. 19+. RUFF Pride with DJs STIEL (LAX), SOLLORS (CHI), MOTS & ZARFAN (YVR), and performances by STEVE Mr. RUFF 2018 and the MENofRUFF.

#### **Gorg-o-Mish Pride Weekend**

2am-8am @ Gorg-o-Mish, 695 Smithe St.  
Adv Tix \$25-\$30. 19+. When the clubs close down, Gorg-O-Mish After-Hours comes to life. Featuring a blend of Vancouver's hottest local acts & international talent. Gorg-O-Mish is the only place you can uncover the best underground & electronic music Vancouver has to offer with Diana Boss, Joel Armstrong, SindriSalad (LA).

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

#### **Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours: The Really Gay History Tour**

See July 22 for daily event info.

#### **Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast**

8am-12pm @ Bute and Davie St.  
By Donation. All Ages. Enjoy a by-donation pancake breakfast buffet with all the fixings in the heart of Davie Village.

#### **15th Vancouver Dyke March**

11am @ McSpadden Park  
Free. All Ages. Join the VDM for the 15th Vancouver Dyke March, beginning at McSpadden Park with festivities and art. Bring signs, get political.

#### **Vancouver Dyke Festival**

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

#### **Denim Vest**

10pm-2am, Location TBD  
Sliding Scale. 19+. East Van's queer sweaty dance party for the people!





## Community Event Listings

### The Dirty Party

10pm-3am @ Imperial Vancouver, 319 Main St.  
\$40-\$60. 19+. The beats... dirty. The men... dirty. The party... dirty! Vancouver Pride gets down and DIRTY at Pride weekend's sexiest new Pride event!

### Pure Pride Vancouver 2018

9pm-4am @ Harbour Event Center 750 Pacific Blvd.  
\$40. 19+. High Energy dance party starring international superstar Willam! plus DJ Matt Effect, Nick Bertossi, Raye Sunshine, Joan-E, The Bratpack, Aerialist Tyler Ayres, and more. Tickets @ purepride.ca or Little Sisters.

### Lick Club / Queer Pride Dance Party

9pm-3am @ Hindenburg, 23 W Cordova St.  
\$15-\$20. 19+. Celebrate Queer evolution & Pride by being exactly you! Multilevel party, two bars & Queer DJs playing party jams and underground tunes!

### Le Hangover: East Van's Pride Parking Lot Pool Party

1-8:30pm @ 550 Malkin Ave.  
\$17-\$27. 19+. East Van's original Pride parking lot pool party! Outdoor patio, talent stage, sunny cocktail stand, literal pools! All bodies, all day, all good!

### Rain City Ultimate Club Pride Tournament

9pm @ Andy Livingstone Park, 89 Expo Blvd.  
\$40. 19+. "This beginner ultimate frisbee tournament is a "hat tournament" – players are drawn from a hat to form teams. We aim to celebrate Pride on the field!"

### Gorg-o-Mish Pride Weekend w/Little Boots (UK) DJ SET

11pm-8am @ Gorg-o-Mish, 695 Smithe St.  
\$15-\$30 Adv Tix. 19+. Fully licensed event with extended hours. Little Boots has been making headlines and chart topping hits since she first emerged in 2008. Little Boots' ties with DJ culture are deep and long-running. Her mixes for the likes of Thump and Hunger are known to swing from classic disco to the latest house beats, always keeping a sense of party fun and featuring ultra rare edits and bootlegs. Hosted by Alma Bitches w/ DJs Laura Lyne (PDX), Kevin Shiu, Sappho (PDX), Nancy Dru.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

### Sunset Beach Festival

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### ICE-T Patio Party

1-9pm @ XYVVR, 1216 Bute St.

\$10-\$15. 19+. This Pride Sunday, come cool off at the ICE-T Pride Patio Party! HOT BEATS. COOL DRINKS. You'll dance up a sweat with our line-up of DJs, including G-Luve, Leanne, Almond Brown (SEA), Diana Boss.

### Love and Freedom Tea Dance

3-7pm @ Waterview Special Event Space, 1661 Granville St.

\$15-\$20. 19+. Drink, dance and enjoy the view of this gorgeous venue at the 18th annual post-parade Tea Dance featuring House Music Master Alyson Calagna.

### CHICAS in the AFTERNOON

4-9pm @ Sheraton Wall Centre, 1088 Burrard St. \$47.50 advance. 19+. Part garden party, part day-club, full on racket of elevated debauchery. Pillows, inflatable playthings, picnic blankets, pole dancers, two dance floors in the garden.

### Untoxicated

6pm @ Bute and Davie, 1170 Bute St.

\$25. All Ages. Substance free street party featuring performances by Trixie Mattel and Sasha Velour.

### Sanctuary

6pm-3am @ 1181, 1181 Davie St.

\$5. 19+. Sundays where all you SINNERS can recover, repent, and rejoice in the Good Church of Drag! You will be feeling #TOOBLESSED when Alma Bitches, aka Mother Superior, purges your transgressions with her evening sermon. You will be sweating out those sins on the dance floor when our DJs offers all you heathens COMMUNION after the show—a dance party to exorcise your demons! ] w/Alma Bitches, Merrie Cherrie (NY) + Guest, Djs G-Luve & DomTop. DRAG SHOW at 11:30pm. DJ 10pm-3am.



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**Tickets: \$32 adults | \$28 students/seniors**  
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## Community Event Listings

### Hustla: Emerald Pride

8pm @ The Emerald, 555 Gore Ave.  
\$15+. 19+. Don't miss this Pride party with the OG Hustla DJ Jef Leppard and killer queens Peach Coblah, Jane Smoker, Shay Dior and Kendall Gender!

### Babes on Babes // Queer Long Weekend Jam // Pride Edition

9pm @ Fortune Sound Club, 147 E Pender St.  
\$20. 19+. Multilevel 4 room experience w state of the art sound system feat. 10 local and international Queer DJ's. Special live performance by Micahton.

### HERSHE BAR: Pride Closing Party w Stephanie Rice

9pm-2am @ Red Room Ultra Bar, 398 Richards St & MIA, 350 Water St.  
\$20/\$25. 19+. 10DJS, two clubs, two dancefloors, one indoor festival, foodtrucks. Featuring Stephanie Rice, Rose Garcia, and international & local DJs.

### RUFF BLACK Pride @ Celebrities Underground

9pm @ Celebrities Underground Nightclub, 1022 Davie St.  
\$20-\$30. 19+. RUFF BLACK Pride with DJs King of Pants (SEA), Seth Breezy (ATL), and performances by

STEVE Mr. RUFF 2018 and the MENofRUFF Tickets.

### Queer Pride Warehouse Party

9pm @ 550 Malkin Ave.  
\$17-\$27. 19+. Finish off Pride weekend with a banger! Queer hip hop headliner, DJ Softieshan & guests, drag gogos, in a stunning East Van warehouse space.

### Legends Drag Show

9-11pm @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St.  
\$10/\$15. 19+. Jaylene Tyme and special guests celebrate old school glamour and world class celebrity impersonation in this truly remarkable spectacle of Vancouver Drag. With DJ DOMTOP.

### Bye Felicia The SheQuel

11pm-4am @ XYYVR, 1216 Bute St  
\$12/\$15. 19+. The SheQuel is the SUNDAY RITUAL at XY! This is the crazy late night party everyone is talking about in the village! Come get your party on with Alma Bitches, Shitney Houston, Merrie Cherrie and DJs G-Luve, SindriSalad, and DomTop.

### HOTLINE: Pride Sunday Afterhours

11pm @ Open Studios, 253 East 1st Ave.  
\$20+. 19+. Connect to your late night underground



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### Gorg-o-Mish Pride Weekend w/Deko-ze (YYZ)

1am-8am @ Gorg-o-Mish, 695 Smithe St.  
\$15-\$30 Adv Tix. 19+. Deko-ze has been dubbed 'Canada's Hardest Working DJ', has been setting the standard in Canada for over 20 years and is resident DJ at Canada's top nightclubs including Guvernment, Nest, Prism, Comfort Zone, Coda and Fly. He has also burned up the decks in the US, Mexico, UK, Germany and Taiwan] w/DJs Karsten Sollors (Chi), Quest, Carolina

### Glitter: The Main Event

Imperial Vancouver, 319 Main St.  
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## Community Event Listings

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

#### Queer Cuba Film and Cultural Night

7pm @ Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, 800 E Broadway

Free. All Ages. Screening "Mariela Castro's March: Cuba's LGBT Revolution" along with live music, poetry and Cuba trivia!

#### VQFF Opening Gala

9pm @ Queen Elizabeth Plaza, 695 Cambie St.

Free for members. 19+. Celebrate Yen Tan's black and white cinematic triumph by dressing up in style. Join us under the open-air, starlit skies.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

#### Asexuality and Aromanticism 101: The Basics

6-8pm @ QMUNITY Accessible Space, 610-1033 Davie St.

Free. All Ages. Explore questions like: what is asexuality/aromanticism? Am I asexual/aromantic if I do this or feel that? Is there a label for me if I feel this way?

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

#### Vancouver Gaymers Board Game Meet-Up

12-6pm @ Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson St. Free. All Ages. A group for queers and allies in the Vancouver area who love to game! We are an all-inclusive group, friends and newbies are more than welcome.

#### VQFF: The Fruit Machine

9pm @ International Village, 88 W Pender St.

VPS Partnered Film, *The Fruit Machine*, is a documentary that focuses on the survivors of the four decades-long homosexual witch hunt conducted by the Canadian Government.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 13

#### VQFF: 50 Years of Fabulous Screening and Panel

9pm @ VIFF Vancity Theatre, 1181 Seymour St.

\$12. All Ages. 50 Years of Fabulous recounts the history of the Imperial Council, the oldest LGBT charity organization in the world. Director in attendance.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

#### VQF : The Feels

9pm @ SFU's Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, 149 W. Hastings St.

VPS Partnered Film, *The Feels*, is the story of a lesbian bachelorette weekend gone awry when one of the brides admits she's never had an orgasm.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

#### Deep Inside Clint Star Screening

9pm @ The York Theatre, 639 Commercial Dr.

Free. All Ages. Deep Inside Clint Star brings us into the lives of some (extra)ordinary young Canadians as they explore issues of identity, sexuality and culture.

#### VQFF: Love Intersections

2pm @ Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, 149 W. Hastings St.

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Without volunteers, the **Vancouver Pride Society** could not produce the extensive list of events we do each year. In 2017, 320 volunteers contributed over 3060 volunteer hours to ensure we could celebrate throughout the festival season and parade day. Volunteers bring a diverse array of skills, passions and experiences to our team and we would not be able to host events without them.

Thank you to all of our past volunteers, returning volunteers, and volunteers-to-be!

Your enthusiasm, hard work and expertise is appreciated by the entire Vancouver Pride Society and the community! We look forward to celebrating with all 2018 volunteers at our **Volunteer Appreciation Party**, courtesy of Milestones, after Pride Season!

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