

# **NEWS RELEASE**

#### CELEBRATE PRIDE WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

**CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER, BC - July 26, 2021**... Ready to Show Your Pride? Community members can celebrate Pride Week in the City of North Vancouver with a variety of in-person and online events planned throughout the week.

Mayor Linda Buchanan kicked off this year's celebrations by proclaiming July 26 to August 2 as Pride Week in the City and by raising the Pride Flag, Transgender Flag, and Bisexual Flag in Civic Plaza. City Hall is also lit up in the colours of the LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Flag all week long.

The 2021 Pride theme is Show Your Pride and the City invites everyone to come out in full colours, embrace the celebrations, and contribute to the vibrancy, health and overall well-being of the community.

"Pride is a celebration and a protest," said Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver. "As we celebrate love, equity, and progress, Pride is also a reminder of past and present discrimination. Building a more inclusive, welcoming, and safe community for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities has long been a priority for me. I hope as a community we can stand together in solidarity to advance equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people. To the LGBTQIA2S+ community in the City I want to say that who you are matters. That you matter."

The following free events are taking place in the city for all ages unless otherwise specified.

### Show YOUR Pride Variety Show | Friday, July 30 | 7 - 9pm | Virtual Event

The North Shore Pride Alliance (NSPA) is holding its 2nd annual virtual Pride 2021 celebration. Premiering on Friday, July 30, the event will be streamed on their YouTube channel starting at 7:00 p.m.

#### Pride Parklet - 1400 Lonsdale East

Relax for a moment at the Pride Parklet on 1400 Lonsdale East and enjoy the 'Little Library', donated by United Way and supported by City Library, featuring LGBTQIA2S+ books for the public to borrow. This week Studio in the City youth artists worked together with the North Shore Pride Alliance to create a pride-themed mural for the parklet.

### Stories & Songs with Conni Smudge | Saturday, July 31 | 10 - 11am | 125 Victory Ship Way

Join City Library and the iconic North Shore drag queen Conni Smudge for a pride-themed story time and craft session down at the Shipyards. The children's event features LGBTQIA2S+ stories, music, and a tutorial on making a sparkly microphone using household items.

# Spoke 'N' Words at Pride Parklet | Thursday, July 29 | 1 - 4pm | Pride Parklet

Read Up This Pride! City Library's book bike, Spokes n' Words, is sharing LGBTQIA2S+ literature at the City's Pride Parklet.

#### **#NorthVanStories Living History: North Shore Pride Alliance**

Visit Museum of North Vancouver (MONOVA) online and watch the Healthiest Small City Social Resilience Collective exploring the power of personal storytelling to foster resilience in our communities.

# **Show Your Pride Art Walk** | July 30 - August 1 | Lonsdale Quay Market

North Shore Pride Alliance is pleased to announce the Pride Art Walk 2021 from the Lonsdale Quay to the Shipyards Pipe Shop viewing art from LGBTQIA2S+ and ally artists.

Pride Week is a celebration of LGBTQIA2S+ communities and their valuable contributions to the City of North Vancouver.

The Mayor's proclamation can be viewed online in the July 19 Council Meeting Agenda pack at cnv.org/council.



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