



August Newsletter

Updates, events, and recommended reading from Women Transforming Cities.



The summer sun is in full swing, and we hope this newsletter finds you staying cool and hydrated! As temperatures rise, it's essential to take care of ourselves and our neighbours. We encourage you to [follow Distro Disco](#), "a mobile free store redistributing material resources to our unhoused neighbours on unceded Musqueam, Squamish & Tsleil-Waututh land" and donate to their monthly donation drive. They are always looking for seasonal-specific donations, tents, batteries and more.

This month we'll be celebrating Pride at the Vancouver Pride Parade with our community and we hope to see you all there!

Stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay safe.

Updates from WTC

Thank you for your donations!

Our summer fundraiser has ended and we had over 60 individual donations! Though we didn't meet our exact goal, we are so grateful for all of your support and contributions. We promise to be steadfast in



our commitment to transparency and accountability, ensuring that your donations are utilized effectively to make the greatest impact possible.

Working with UBCM's Indigenous Relations Committee

Last month our Project Lead, Clara Prager, and Ginger Gosnell Myers, presented the findings from our report: [TRC Calls to Action in BC Municipalities](#) along with an update on our TRC research to UBCM's Indigenous Relations Committee. We look forward to continuing to work together with UBCM on ways to facilitate knowledge-sharing on the TRC Calls to Action.



Join our BC Demographic Survey Drop-In Session

WTC is hosting a drop-in Zoom session **August 2 at 5:30 PM** on Zoom to reserve time for you to fill out the 15-minute [BC's Demographic Survey](#). This survey will help the government find the gap in services. We will be happy to answer any questions you have on what the data will be used for or how to access the site!



[Register Here](#)

Upcoming Events

August is Vancouver



Pride!

Checkout [Qmunity's event calendar](#) and the [official Vancouver Pride website](#) for a full list of events that centre queer joy and pride of all ages. Don't miss [Aging with Pride](#) an event for 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors, performances, parties and so much more! We'll be out marching on **Sunday, August 5** and hope to see you there.

[Explore Pride Events](#)



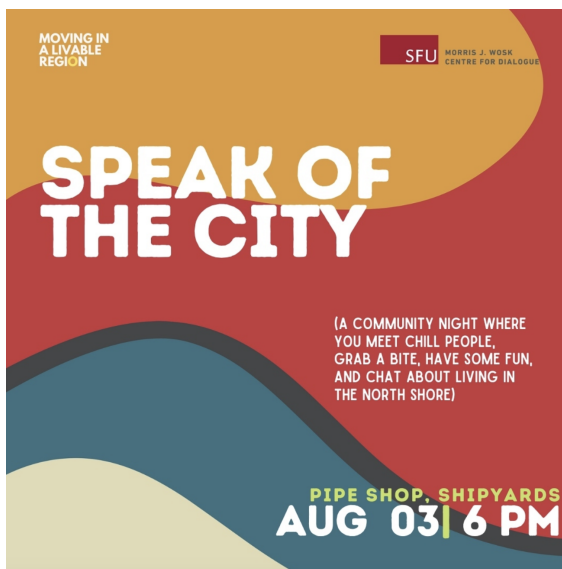
SFU Woodward's Creative Morning with Jillian Christmas

In honour of Pride in Vancouver, SFU Woodward's Creative Morning is hosting the queer, afro-Caribbean poet, creative facilitator, curator, consultant, educator, and arts community advocate, Jillian Christmas for a breakfast talk. Come listen to the author and advocate on **August 4 at 8:15 am**, you can attend in person or online.

[Register Here](#)

Speak of the City is back!

SFU Centre for Dialogue is hosting another opportunity to connect with your community and chat about where you live. Head down to the Pipe Shop Venue (115 Victory Ship Way in the North Van



[More Info Here](#)

Shipyards area) on **August 3 from 6 pm**. There will be kid-friendly activities, food, learning opportunities, and a chance to socialize and connect with your neighbours on the North Shore. The event is free and open to all-ages.



[View Event Program](#)

Celebrate Japanese Canadian culture at Powell Street Festival

This weekend festival on **August 5 and 6** is one of the longest-running community arts festivals in the country. Don't miss the various events, shows, workshops and celebrations taking place that celebrate the vibrancy of Japanese Canadian culture. Make sure to explore the full program to see all the options available to you for all ages.



Creating Gender Inclusive Public Parks

Women in Urbanism is hosting a three part virtual workshop series focused on sustainability, inclusivity, and placemaking in public parks located in Halifax, Winnipeg, and Calgary. Learn from local

experts the "gender-based impacts on women's ability to access and enjoy public parks" and brainstorm solutions moving forward for all equity-deserving genders. Learn more about all three workshops [here](#). The first workshop is **Thursday, August 24 from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM PDT**.

[Register](#)

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Join BWSS in calling on your municipal government to implement an immediate and concrete action plan to end gender-based violence by sending a letter (see [this example](#)) to your Mayor and Council.
- Apply now for the [Indigenous and Black Art Collective](#), for a spot in their Public Art Intensive, designed for emerging artists.
- Take a look at this report from the Samara Centre for Democracy, [Online Abuse in Local Elections: The SAMbot Municipal Report](#).
- Explore the [Last Call pilot program](#) and download the #NotMe app to report sexual harassment and misconduct.
- Share the City of Vancouver's list of [resources and tips for staying safe in extreme heat](#).
- Donate clothing to the Pop Up Store hosted by [Free of Violence](#).
- Send a letter to City Council in support of the Yaletown Overdose Prevention Site using Defund 604's [letter template here](#).



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