

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Councillor Pete Fry
3rd Floor, City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
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Dear Councillor Fry,

Re: West End Sex Workers Memorial

My name is Andrew Sorfleet and I am president and spokesperson for Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C. We met last Saturday, June 6 at the Red Umbrella March muster in Emery Barnes Park with Fran Shaver and friend. You may remember, we were reminiscing and telling stories about the venerable late Jamie Lee Hamilton.

You will also recall that Jamie Lee was the driving force that gave Vancouver a memorial lamppost dedicated to "sex workers and their ongoing struggle for equality."

The reason I am writing now is to bring your attention to the state of the West End Sex Workers Memorial, located at 1130 Jervis Street, in front of Saint Paul's Anglican Church. It is my hope that the memorial monument, which is owned by the City of Vancouver, could receive some maintenance.

The City maintenance crew did a beautiful job of cleaning the base and polishing the brass plaques in 2024 ahead of our Red Umbrella March that was scheduled for June 8. However, to my knowledge the white globe lampshade has not been cleaned since the monument was installed in September 2016. And, it looks it!

I understand that Engineering has only a limited number of bucket trucks required for such a job, and that there are many prominently placed lamp standards to be cleaned throughout the city. But, could you see to it that a proper cleaning of the Sex Workers Memorial gets scheduled? Also, the beautiful, large sycamore street trees are now crowding the memorial lamppost and need some of their branches to be pruned back.

Our next event scheduled for the West End Sex Workers Memorial is a candlelight vigil for International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers on December 17. For more information about December 17, you can find our media release from 2025 here: <https://triple-x.org/about/pr/pr-251217.pdf>

Please also find enclosed our tourist brochure about the West End Sex Workers Memorial that provides some historical details about the monument along with photos from the City event the day when it was unveiled.

Thank you for your time and any assistance you can provide. It was a pleasure to meet you!

Sincerely,

Andrew Sorfleet, President
Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C.

Encl.

CC:

- Donny van Dyk, City Manager, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4