



## MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART

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Vancouver District and Labour Council  
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This Labour Day, it's my pleasure to bring you and your families greetings on behalf of Vancouver City Council and the nearly 11,000 municipal workers who spend every day helping build a Vancouver that works for all of us.

Like last year, we mark Labour Day 2021 in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It's a global health crisis that has put the needs of working people front and centre. Today, like all days, workers across our city, province, country, and world head to work despite risks to their safety.

That labour helps maintain the beautiful city and prosperous country we live in and underpins everything that we rely on. From transit services, to grocery store workers, from first responders to health care heroes, it has never been more plain how much we need the tireless contributions of working people.

That is why it's critical we seize upon this moment of realization to make sure we make gains for working people, whether that be improving their work lives, or their home lives.

As Mayor, my priorities have always been guided by a simple question: "Does this help make the lives of working people in our city better?"

It's why I've secured more than \$1-billion in housing investments from the City, Province, and Federal governments to date.

It's why I've championed projects that drive job growth, helping to recover more than 35,000 jobs in the city since the height of the pandemic.

And it's why we're opening more childcare spaces every month in partnership with the Province, the School Board, and Ottawa to help support working families, especially mothers who have been among the hardest hit.

But as the pandemic continues into a fourth wave and a full recovery is still ahead of us, we must continue to keep the needs of working people and their families front and centre.



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For more than 130 years, the Vancouver & District Labour Council has been at the centre of local labour activism that has focused on social justice, peace and the rights of working people.

It's that tradition that has helped ensure inclusive, healthy and prosperous communities for everyone. And it's why Vancouver remains the economic, social, and cultural heart of British Columbia.

It has been an honour to work in solidarity with the VDLC and its member unions on the key challenges facing Vancouver. The job is far from done, but I know that we can continue delivering for those who need it most and build a Vancouver that works for all of us, not just the few.

Thank you and have a great Labour Day!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E C Kennedy Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Kennedy Stewart