

## **Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Host Highland Homecoming, a Free Public Event on Saturday, September 24, 2016 to Celebrate**

### **Return to Armoury after Four Years of Renovations**

(Vancouver, BC) – The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Vancouver's Infantry Regiment, [www.seaforthhighlanders.ca](http://www.seaforthhighlanders.ca), invite all to attend **Highland Homecoming**, on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This day of celebration will include a parade, ceremonies and a military tattoo, as the Regiment returns home to the Seaforth Armoury at **1650 Burrard Street**, after four years away.

The day's festivities will begin with a march led by the Seaforth Pipes & Drums, from the Jericho Garrison, where the Seaforth Highlanders have been stationed for the past four years, to the refurbished Seaforth Armoury. The official ceremony to reopen the Armoury will be followed by a formal parade and a Drumhead Ceremony. The afternoon will end with an entertaining and spirited military tattoo with musical performances.

Approximately 250 Seaforth Highlanders of Canada members, Cadets and Regimental Association Members will participate in the day. Music and entertainment will be provided by the Seaforth Highlanders Pipes and Drums, the Band of the 15th Field Regiment, the Vancouver Police Pipe Band, Shot of Scotch Vancouver Highland Dancers, male vocal choir Chor Leoni, along with many others.

During the past four years, the Seaforth Armoury has undergone extensive seismic upgrades and had its building services modernized to allow the Seaforths to continue to respond to domestic emergencies such as earthquakes, wildfires, and floods as well as train to serve overseas in Afghanistan and elsewhere. The Armoury was originally opened in August 1936, and is the home of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and two Cadet Corps.

That same morning, the Major General B.M. Hoffmeister, OC, CB, CBE, DSO Building, neighbouring the Armoury at 1755 West 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., will also see the official opening as home to the 39 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters and several other Canadian Armed Forces units.

### **About The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada:**

Vancouver's Infantry Regiment, The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada - [www.seaforthhighlanders.ca](http://www.seaforthhighlanders.ca) – celebrated their 100 year anniversary in 2010. Formed in 1910 by members of the local Scottish community, the Seaforths have served as volunteer soldiers, supporting Canada in every major Canadian Forces overseas mission, including the two World Wars and most recently Afghanistan.

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## Event Details:

**Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2016

10:30 am Parade to exercise the Infantry Regiment's Right of Freedom of the City lead by the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums

Route: Regiment and Cadets will depart Jericho Garrison, 4050 West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, march down West 4<sup>th</sup> to McDonald, left on McDonald, right on Cornwall and finally right on Burrard. The parade concludes at 1650 Burrard Street

11:30 am Canadian flag raising ceremony at the Seaforth Armoury doors,  
**1650 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC**

1:00 pm Parade and Drumhead Ceremony on the parade square. In honour of having the Afghanistan Battle Honour emblazoned on the Regimental Colours, veterans of the Afghanistan Campaign, from across the Lower Mainland, have been invited to parade with the Regiment.

2:00 pm Highland Homecoming Military Tattoo connecting Vancouverites to the Military through music and Military exercise. Bands, singers, and highland dancers will entertain. The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada will provide training exercises, equipment demonstrations and a broad sword set demonstration

3:45 pm Event concludes

Participants: Local male vocal ensemble Chor Leoni, the Band of the 15th Field Regiment, the Vancouver Police Pipe Band, The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums, and the Highland Dance Team, Shot of Scotch

**Location:** Parade square inside the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Armoury

**Cost:** Free for all to attend

**Parking:** Street parking is available