



## **PENDER ISLAND PARADE FLOAT GUIDELINES 2024**

### **FLOAT DESIGN**

A float could be as simple as a decorated vehicle branded with your organization or business name and logo, but more commonly is a decorated platform, either built on a vehicle like a truck or towed behind one. All floats are branded with the name and logo of the sponsoring institution or business.

Floats must be of good quality and construction. Designs are subject to approval by Pender Island Pride. Obscene or violent imagery will not be accepted.

Please decorate your float, a good rule of thumb is to decorate your vehicle at least 50% of the available space to decorate. Flags, banners, balloons, etc. are examples of suitable decorations. Be creative.

**Height:** Stabilized props on a float are not to exceed 14 feet in height (from the ground).

**Width:** Float should not exceed 12 feet in width.

**Length:** Including tow unit, floats must not exceed 30 feet in length. The float must be designed to turn corners along the parade route without delaying the forward motion of the parade or causing potential hazards.

**Clearance:** Constructed floats on trucks or towed by trucks must have at least 12 inches of ground clearance from the built float. Nothing can drag on the roadway from the float.

### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

**Fire Extinguishers:** All constructed floats must have at least one approved, current dated, fire extinguisher on board, and located in an easily accessible location. All drivers and float personnel must be familiar with the location and correct use of the fire extinguisher.

**Smoking and Open Flame:** No smoking is allowed on or near any floats at any time. No using lighters or flame for any reason is allowed on or near any float.

**Inspection:** All floats may be subject to inspection by Pender Island Fire Rescue or Parade volunteers on parade day before the start of the parade.

All participants are subject to all municipal, provincial and federal laws and/or by-laws. Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited.

## **FLOAT DRIVERS**

All drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive their float. Once the float is position in the staging area, a driver and representative must always attend to it. The use of cell phones is prohibited while driving the vehicle on the parade route.

## **FLOAT VEHICLES**

All float vehicles must be properly registered and insured. Tractor-trailer cabs not recommended. Float beds must be sturdy and capable of carrying the weight to be imposed. All exhaust systems must be clear of decorative materials and properly vented. Floats must be escorted to and from the parade staging site. If unescorted, proper running lights should be attached to the float vehicles.

Portable generators used on the float must be securely mounted on the vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator from decorative materials.

## **FLOAT RIDERS**

All passengers standing or sitting on the float **MUST** be wearing a safety belt or have handholds or other support while the float is moving. No riders allowed riding on the edge of the float. No children under the age of 13 will be allowed to ride on a float without adult supervision. No one is allowed to ride the float as it is being transported to and from the parade staging site.

Participants will not mount/dismount from floats for the duration of the parade. No throwing of items into the crowds, our insurance does not allow it.

## **PACE OF FLOATS**

The parade will be led by the Pender Island Pride Society's float, which will set the pace for the parade.

A distance of 20 feet (6 m) must be maintained between parade units. Forward motion must be maintained. Drivers should maintain a speed of no more than walking speed when the float is occupied. Please avoid unnecessary gaps between floats.

Always follow parade marshals' instructions.

## **MUSIC/SOUND**

The applicant must notify the Pender Island Pride if the use of music or sound is intended. Music must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other parade contingents. Pender Island Pride is boisterous, but please be respectful of the groups in front of and behind your float. Sirens will only be used by emergency vehicles only.

## **FLOAT SIGNS**

Signs on the float are for identification purposes. They may state the float sponsor name and/or the "title" of the float. Permissible sign locations are: one on each side of the float, or one sign attached to the front of the float. Sponsor sign size should be in a reasonable ratio to the float and not oversized.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION – PRIDE PARADE Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Parade community marchers marshalling**

Parade starts at 1pm from the library and ends at the Community Hall. Please be at the library 15 mins prior for marshalling instructions.

### **Parade floats marshalling**

The staging site for all floats is the parking lots of the Pender Island Home Building Centre and Southridge Grocery Store on Port Washington road. Please be there by 12:30pm for marshalling instructions and parade position, which will be based on the needs and safety of the parade.

The floats should arrive at the library by 1pm from the gathering site to follow the on-foot marchers. Floats will enter the Community Hall grounds by the northerly secondary entry following the marchers, but after entering the grounds, floats will take an immediate right turn towards the parking lot and park following instructions by the parade marshals.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE PENDER ISLAND PRIDE PARADE  
A MEMORABLE AND SAFE CELEBRATION**

