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## **HARPER GREY SUPPORTS SOGIC-BC AS A SPONSOR OF THE 2016 VANCOUVER PRIDE PARADE**

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Harper Grey joined in celebrating the Vancouver Pride Parade, held on July 31, 2016, as a sponsor of SOGIC-BC's 5th annual "Lawyers with Pride" float.

Each year, the progressive and diversity-friendly attitudes that Vancouver is known for are showcased by the celebrations surrounding the Vancouver Pride Parade. The celebrations started in 1978 as a peaceful protest and have evolved into one of the most exciting, candid, and provocative expressions of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender pride. This year, the Parade attracted crowds of more than 650,000 – it's no wonder that it is renowned on the international stage as one of the largest and most successful LGBTQ2+ events in the world.

This year's sunny skies were a perfect backdrop to paint Vancouver a rainbow hue during the celebrations of Pride. The Parade reflected the spirit of the LGBT community and reminded us to embrace each other's differences. Pride's diverse events were united by the critical message that individual uniqueness must be celebrated. To make this year's festivities even more exciting, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made history as the first ever sitting Prime Minister to march in the Vancouver Pride Parade.

The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community of BC (SOGIC-BC) is committed to improving visibility and celebrating diversity in the legal profession. Through our sponsorship, we helped to bring them closer to their fundraising goal of \$10,000.

Learn more about SOGIC-BC [here](#).

