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Town of Port Hawkesbury – City of Vancouver Lapu-Lapu Day Festival Tragedy

It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences on behalf of Town Council to the Filipino community here in Canada and around the world in the wake of the heartbreaking tragedy during the Lapu-Lapu Festival. This celebration, which honors courage, heritage, and the indomitable Filipino spirit, was marred by sorrow, and our hearts go out to all who are grieving the loss of life and those who have been injured.

Port Hawkesbury is proud to be home to a vibrant and deeply valued Filipino-Canadian community, and we stand in solidarity with you during this painful time. Let us honour those affected by coming together in compassion, remembrance, and a renewed commitment to safety in our shared cultural celebrations.

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With profound sympathy,

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