City Hall Clock to Undergo Repairs

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VICTORIA, BC — Starting today, the City Hall clock, located on the landmark clock tower, will undergo repairs to its mechanisms. During these repairs, the clock bells will not ring and the time will not be accurate. The repairs are expected to be completed by this Friday.

The clock was installed in 1891, making it 120 years old this year. In 2006, the City of Victoria restored the clock tower’s exterior to its authentic appearance, earning an Award of Merit from the Hallmark Society in 2007. City Hall is designated as a national heritage site and its 105-foot clock tower is a significant heritage landmark in the Old Town District.

Although clock towers are mainly appreciated for their architectural beauty, historically, they were an important time-keeping element for city centres. Before the mid-20th century, the majority of people did not own a watch. A tall clock tower was placed near a town’s centre so that it could be seen by many.

The City of Victoria appreciates the public’s patience and apologizes for any inconvenience the clock repair may cause.

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