



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Capital Plan Staff Review Group in consultation with
the Director of Finance

SUBJECT: 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan: Final Allocation

RECOMMENDATION

- A. *THAT Council confirm funding for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan as follows:*
- *\$135.57 million from plebiscite-approved borrowing authority*
 - *\$ 74.43 million from Council approved Sewer borrowing authority*
 - *\$ 54.87 million from Council approved Water borrowing authority*
 - *\$ 55.60 million from Capital from Revenue*
 - *\$ 33.57 million from City-wide DCL funding*
- B. *THAT Council approve the allocation of funding to specific programs and projects in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan as detailed in the "2006 - 2008 Capital Plan Draft Allocation" report considered on June 28, 2005 (summarized in Appendix A).*
- C. *THAT Council confirm additional funding from plebiscite borrowing authority of \$35 million above the financial limit of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan to allow the City to advance capital projects from future Capital Plans to take advantage of opportunities to access cost-shared funding from senior governments and the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee.*
- D. *THAT Council establish the Strathcona/DTES Branch Library is a priority project for the City and instruct staff to work with the Library Board to acquire an appropriate site and, once acquired, to report back with a development plan and, if necessary, an interim source of financing, that would see completion during the term of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan.*

- E. *THAT the Director of Finance be instructed to report back on October 4, 2005 with a financial plan to support the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan, including the breakdown of funding between borrowed funds, revenue funds and City-wide DCL funds, and on proposed wording for the borrowing questions that will be submitted to the electorate during the November civic election.*

CONSIDERATIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE CITY MANAGER

- F. *THAT Council encourages the Park Board to reallocate \$1.4 million of its allocation in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan for the completion of change rooms at the Renfrew Community Centre pool.*
- G. *THAT Council encourage the Park Board to review options for keeping the Mt Pleasant outdoor pool open until completion of the proposed replacement for Percy Norman Pool at the new Hillcrest Centre and request the Board to report back on the additional costs that would be necessary in the Operating Budget.*

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager notes that allocating limited capital funding to the range of needs identified by departments and boards was a difficult task. Faced with requests totalling over \$650 million, the Staff Review Group spent many hours reviewing the requests and rationalizing the list of programs and projects that it could recommended for funding within the \$355 million Capital Plan envelope. The allocation attempts to balance policies about the sustainability of the City's sewer, water, streets and facility infrastructure that are important if it is to support the services provided by the City, to meet Council policies on infrastructure renewal; to meet the operational needs of departments; and to meet the expectations of Council and the public, while ensuring that the City continue to keep spending and debt under control. Surveys of the public have consistently shown support for the capital planning process, including the priority given to the sustainability over new project expenditures.

There is no doubt that the process has left several worthwhile projects without funding. Compromises are necessary in developing any capital plan and the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan is no exception.

The plan being considered by Council represents a considerable increase in tax and user fees supported funding from prior plans - over 17.5% above the level of the 2003 - 2005 plan. This funding level will impact on future tax increases by as much as 1.1% annually over the course of the plan.

The plan also seeks to take advantage of an opportunity to advance several significant facility replacement projects from future plans by providing up to \$35 million in funding to match contributions being received from the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee. If the impact of this contribution is included, this plan will result in over \$100 million of expenditures on park facilities. The inclusion of this funding will further impact on property taxes in the short term by up to 1.25% over the course of the plan.

However, this will be offset by lower levels of capital funding in future plans as scheduled replacement projects will have been completed.

Finally, the plan benefits from a significant increase in development cost levy funding for growth related projects. This increase from \$14 million to at least \$35 million will provide significant benefit in improved infrastructure and facilities without impacts on property taxation.

The Director of Finance notes that the Triple A credit rating of the City reflects the credit rating agency's expectation of continued fiscal discipline and modest debt servicing costs. A sustained loss of discipline, leading to a significant increase in debt to fund infrastructure projects would apply downward pressure on the rating.

Because of the overall growth of the capital plan financial envelope and the impacts that it will have on property taxation, the City Manager supports the recommendation of the Director of Finance that no additional funding should be provided in this Capital Plan.

Council raised concerns about the treatment of three projects in the Capital Plan. Recommendation D is intended to indicate the priority during this Capital Plan for a new library branch in the Strathcona/DTES neighbourhood. The issue of funding to retain Mt Pleasant outdoor pool and to complete upgrading at Renfrew Community Centre are more difficult.

The City Manager recommends that Council not provide additional funding to the Park Board to complete the Renfrew Community Centre upgrade. This project was a priority for the Board in the last plan but completion was delayed because of increased construction costs. If the Board wishes to complete this project it should reallocate funding within the funding envelope established in this report. The City Manager offers Consideration F above

Allocating an additional \$3.0 million to replace the Mt Pleasant pool is not supported because of its extremely limited two-month season and its location just 1.5 kilometres from the proposed Percy Normal Pool replacement. It is also noted that Sunset outdoor pool, a similar distance south of the new facility is also scheduled to close once the new Sunset Community Centre is completed in 2007. A compromise would be to provide for Mt Pleasant Pool to remain open at least until that new facility is completed in 2009. In order to achieve this, the City Manager offers the Consideration G.

The plan recommended certainly does not meet all the capital expenditure needs of the City, but it is a balanced and prudent plan that respects the needs of both infrastructure and financial sustainability. Therefore, the City Manager supports the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan as recommended by the Staff Review Group and therefore RECOMMENDS approval A, B, C, D and, E and offers F and G for CONSIDERATION.

COUNCIL POLICY

It is Council policy to plan for capital expenditures on a multi-year cycle. In recent years, capital plans have been developed in three year terms in order to match the term

of Council and allowing for a borrowing plebiscite to be held in conjunction with the civic election.

Capital Plans are funded from a combination of sources including, borrowing approved by plebiscite, borrowing authority approved by Council for sewer and water purposes, the annual operating budget and development cost levies and contributions from third parties.

The Vancouver Charter, Section 242 provides that Council may approve the borrowing of funds for water and sewer purposes without the assent of voters. Borrowing for other purposes requires voter approval through a borrowing plebiscite.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council confirmation of the funding sources and program/project allocation in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan. The report also summarized the responses to the public opinion survey conducted through the public consultation phase.

BACKGROUND

On June 14, 2005, Council considered a report dealing with the financial limits of the upcoming capital expenditure program.

The Director of Finance, with the support of the Corporate Management Team and Capital Plan Staff Review Group, put forward the following recommendations which were approved by Council:

- A. *THAT Council set the property tax-supported financial limit for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan at \$265 million as follows:
 - a. \$135.0 million from general borrowing authority;
 - b. \$75.0 million from sewer borrowing authority; and
 - c. \$55.6 million as Capital from Revenue;*
- B. *this limit to be used for planning purposes and subject to review at the time Council approves the Capital Plan in September 2005.*
- C. *THAT Council set an upper limit of \$36.0 million in City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding within the 2006-2008 Capital Plan, the allocation of these funds being based on the City-wide DCL by-law.*
- D. *THAT Council set the financial limit on the Waterworks Capital Plan at \$54.3 million as outlined in this report.*

On June 28, 2005, with respect to the allocation of the funding to specific expenditure areas within the financial limits, Council approved the following recommendations:

- A. *THAT the Strathcona Library be circulated along with the Capital Plan projects for public consultation.*

- B. *THAT Council receive the recommendations of the Capital Plan Staff Review Group for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan, THAT the plan be circulated to the public for comment, and THAT the plan be brought back to Council for final adoption by the end of September 2005.*
- C. *THAT Mt. Pleasant Pool be circulated along with the Capital Plan projects for public consultation.*
- D. *THAT Council approve "in principle" an additional funding allocation of \$35 million above the financial limit of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan to allow the City to advance capital projects from future Capital Plans to take advantage of opportunities to access cost-shared funding from senior governments and the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee.*
- E. *THAT Council approve the public consultation program as outlined in this report, culminating in a public meeting on the Capital Plan draft allocation on September 13, 2005.*

The recommended allocation is summarized in Appendix A to this report.

Since approval of the above recommendations, staff has undertaken a program seeking input from the public and other interested parties related to the Capital Plan Draft allocation.

A summary of the results of the public consultation program follows.

(a) Public Opinion Survey

A telephone survey was conducted by the Mustel Group, a local polling company. The survey sought the opinion of 636 Vancouver residents on a range of questions focussed on reactions to the proposed capital expenditure program.

Appendix B contains the report from the Mustel Group with detailed results of the telephone survey (Limited Distribution - on file in City Clerk).

(b) Capital Plan Information Flyer

The 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan information flyer was distributed by the Vancouver Courier, the Chinese Language Ming Pao and was available on the City's website and in the City's libraries and recreation and community centres. The flyer outlined the capital planning process, the constraints facing the City with respect to plan funding and the contents of the draft plan. It also included a short questionnaire aimed at soliciting reaction from the public and others to the expenditure priorities reflected in the draft plan. Responses to the questionnaire could be faxed or mailed or completed on-line.

Overall, 372 completed questionnaires were received, 147 by mail and 225 submitted online. Appendix C contains a summary of responses to this questionnaire and a comparison with the results of the telephone survey (pages 7 to 21 of Appendix C limited distribution - on file in City Clerk's Office).

(c) Information Video

A short video outlining the capital planning process and how to be involved was shown during August and September on Shaw Cable. A website dedicated to an overview of the capital plan proposal was also created. The website included a link to the on-line questionnaire.

(d) Public Meeting

On September 13, Council held a public meeting to hear public input on the Capital Plan draft allocation. Approximately 40 members of the public provided input on a variety of issues related to the draft allocation.

DISCUSSION

Council is being requested to make two major decisions about the Capital Plan in this report:

1. To confirm the funding envelope approved by Council in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan Funding Limits report considered on June 24, 2005, and
2. To confirm the allocation of that funding envelope to specific program areas and projects as recommended by the Staff Review Group in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan Draft Allocation report considered on June 28, 2005.

Capital Plan Funding

Council has long standing policy related to the limits on the capital expenditure program which were documented in the financial limits report considered on June 14, 2005. These policies are intended to define a balance between the needs for management of the City's infrastructure and facilities in a sustainable fashion and the ability of taxpayers to fund the expenditure envelope from current taxes without significant long term impacts on property taxes.

In June, 2005, staff recommended tax and user fee supported funding of \$320 million for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan. This funding level represented a 17.5% increase over the current plan, representing a level that would impact on property taxes. The basis for this strategy was that:

- capital funding in the operating budget had fallen below levels accepted as best practice by the City's credit rating agencies and to the lower end of the range of funding provided for in Council policy;
- there is a significant demand to fund capital maintenance and upgrading projects; and,
- failing to provide sufficient capital funding could lead to a situation where important maintenance and upgrading of City facilities would be deferred, shifting costs to future taxpayers and potentially impacting on the City's credit rating.

To maintain the City's triple A credit rating, it is important to provide sufficient capital funding to ensure appropriate levels of infrastructure and facility maintenance and replacement without undue impact on property taxes.

In addition to the tax supported financial limits recommended by the Director of Finance, Council approved the allocation of up to \$36 million from the City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL), more than double the allocation in the current plan. DCL funding is provided by development in the City and does not impact on taxes. This funding is targeted at assisting the City to deal with the costs that growth has on the demands for services. While the application of this funding is limited to growth-related costs for park site acquisition and development, childcare, replacement housing and some public works, it does provide a growing source of funding in its capital expenditure plans in the past and supplements available tax-supported funding.

With inclusion of DCL revenues, the funding from City sources recommended for the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan increases to \$355.6 million, an increase of 25% over the 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan.

In considering the allocation of funding in the plan, the Staff Review Group noted that there was the opportunity to advance a number of projects included on the Park Board long term facilities plans to take advantage of funding from senior governments and the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee (VANOC). Discussion of this increase was included in the June 28, 2005 report from the Staff Review Group on the draft Capital Plan. As a result, it was recommended to Council that an additional \$35 million be provided in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan as the City's contribution to advancing these projects. The Director of Finance noted that this allocation would have additional property tax impacts of approximately 1.25% over the term of the Capital Plan and should be viewed as a one-time increase to the capital plan financial limits. Recommendation C seeks Council confirmation that this additional allocation will form part of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan funding envelope.

The following table summarizes the funding that would be available to the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan, assuming that appropriate voter approval for the debenture portion of this funding is received in November.

Funding Source	2006 - 2008 Proposed Funding	2003 - 2005 Funding Limits
Plebiscite Borrowing Authority	\$ 135.57 million	\$96.75 million
Sewer Borrowing Authority	74.43 million	58.75 million
Water Borrowing Authority	54.87 million	46.0 million
Capital from Revenue	55.60 million	47.9 million
City-Wide DCLs	33.57 million	14.5 million
Total Base Plan	\$ 354.5 million	\$ 263.9 million
Additional Plebiscite Borrowing Authority	35.0 million	\$20 million
Total	\$ 389.05 million	\$ 283.9 million

Recommendation A and C seek confirmation of this funding level in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan.

During consideration of the draft allocation, Council and the public raised issues that could impact on the amount of funding being provided in the Plan. There are a number of issues to weigh in considering an increase in the capital expenditure limits detailed in the table above:

- the proposed financial limit represents a significant overall increase in funding from the current plan. The base plan of \$355 million represents an increase of 25% over the current plan of which approximately 17% is funded by user fees and property taxes.
- based on Council policy targets, the operating budget has the capacity to accommodate additional capital expenditures funded from borrowing or current revenues. The recommended funding envelope, including the proposed \$35 million of additional borrowing authority will move debt charges from approximately 12.5% of revenues to 13.9%, within the policy target.
- With the proposed funding increase of \$35 million, the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan will result in property tax increases of approximately 4.45 over the term of the plan, as much as 1.5% annually.
- the City's AAA credit rating depends on finding a balance between the needs for long term infrastructure and facility management and for fiscal responsibility. The City's credit rating agencies have indicated that:

"Given the strength of the local economy and the discipline displayed by the city administration in keeping spending and debt under control, it is highly unlikely that conditions should deteriorate by a large enough margin in the near term to cause a downgrade. Nonetheless, a sustained loss of discipline, leading to a significant increase in debt to fund infrastructure projects would apply downward pressure on the rating." (Moody's Investor Services, August 2005)

"The negative outlook reflects the possibility that the combined debt burden of Vancouver and its share of the GVD's (Greater Vancouver Districts) debt will become too onerous in the next few years to support the current 'AAA' rating, given the potential for reductions in the city's financial flexibility." (Standard & Poor's, December 2004)

Based on the concerns about the impact of the proposed financial envelope on the operating budget and property taxes, the Director of Finance does not support further increases to the Capital Plan financial limit. Any further increase could result in a review of the City's credit rating and would have a more significant impact on property taxes and on the possibility of having to trade off operating expenditures for debt repayment in bringing the budget into balance in the future.

Issues Related to the Capital Plan Draft Allocation

During discussion of the draft allocation, Council identified two specific projects that had not been funded by the Staff Review Group. These projects were also the focus of several presentations at the public meeting.

1. Construction of the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona Library

Addition of a new 16,000 square foot library in the Strathcona/DTES area has been a priority for the Library Board for many years. However, funding requests to the last two Capital Plans have not been approved. In the meantime, Real Estate Services has actively pursued a site for this branch in the area identified by the Library Board, with no success.

The 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan draft allocation recognizes the priority for this project. The current estimated cost for this branch library is \$13.0 million, including the cost of purchasing the necessary site. The Staff Review Group has recommended that \$2.5 million be allocated, sufficient to purchase the necessary site and begin the planning and design process. Construction funding will be a priority in the 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan.

The recommendation of the Staff Review Group is not intended to suggest that construction of this project should be delayed to 2009 or beyond. However, given the difficulties in acquiring a site for the new branch library and identifying appropriate partners in the facility, it is unlikely that construction will begin before the next capital plan period. In the meantime, there are projects that are ready to proceed during this plan that can benefit from the \$10.5 million in funding. If the opportunity to begin construction before 2009 does materialize, internal financing can be provided with repayment from the 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan to ensure the branch is constructed as quickly as possible.

Recommendation D provides Council with the opportunity to reflect this priority as part of the Capital Plan approvals.

2. Replacement of the Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool

As part of the planned replacement of the Mt Pleasant Community Centre at 1 Kingsway and consistent with the Park Board Aquatic Services Plan (2002), the outdoor community pool at Mt Pleasant is to be closed. Replacement of this service is to be provided at the new Hillcrest Centre to be built approximately 1.5 kilometres south. Funding of \$1.0 million is provided in the draft plan to return the building, pool and parking space in Mt Pleasant Park to green space. Closure of the outdoor pool will not occur at least until the 1 Kingsway project is completed in 2007.

The Park Board has indicated that the outdoor pool and its mechanical systems are near the end of their lives and retention of this service will require a complete replacement at a cost of \$4.0 million. This replacement has not been funded within the funding allocation provided to the Park Board by the Staff Review Group.

The public opinion survey conducted as part of the Capital Plan consultation process canvassed the public about its support for including funding for this replacement. Fifty percent of the respondents were opposed to the replacement and of those who supported the project (37% of respondents), 50% indicated that if the replacement is to proceed, the necessary funding should be provided from the current financial envelope rather than by additional funding.

The Staff Review Group does not support an increase in the financial limit of the plan to accommodate this replacement.

Recommendation B provides for approval of the specific program and project allocations as included in the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan Draft Allocation. Recommendation C specifies that the additional \$35 million in funding will be designated to match specific project funding provided by senior governments and VANOC.

NEXT STEPS

With approval of the final Capital Plan allocation, Council will move the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan one step closer to completion. The next steps are:

- Recommendation E instructs the Director of Finance to report back on October 4, 2002, with an overall financial plan for the Capital Plan. This plan will detail the allocation of debenture, capital from revenue and DCL funding to program areas and/or projects.
- At the same time, Council will be asked to approve the plebiscite questions that will appear on the ballot during the November election seeking authority to borrow the necessary funds to complete the capital plan.
- Information about the Capital Plan and borrowing questions will be provided to all registered voters as part of the City's voter information process.
- With voter approval of the borrowing questions, the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan will be approved and individual program and project expenditure approval will be sought in annual capital budgets during the course of the plan.

CONCLUSION

The Capital Plan outlines the capital expenditure plans for the City for the next three year period. The plan is designed to address the ongoing need for maintenance and upgrading of civic facilities and infrastructure and of support for the community. As with all capital plans, the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan reflected needs in excess of the funding levels that can be made available within a financially sustainable envelope and difficult decisions were required about priorities. The Capital Plan Staff Review Group has recommended that Council approve the draft allocation presented on June 28, 2005.

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**City of Vancouver
2006 - 2008 Capital Plan
Funding Allocation**

03-05 Approved	03-05 DCL / CAC	03-05 Total	Ref #	Department	2006 - 2008 Funding Request	2006 - 2008 Recommended	DCL Funding	Total City Funding
\$000's					\$000's	\$000's		
SUMMARY								
				Utilities				
58,750	0	58,750	D	Sewers	78,832	74,430		74,430
46,000	0	46,000	F	Waterworks	54,273	54,870		54,870
104,750	0	104,750		Total Utilities	133,105	129,300	0	129,300
				Other Public Works				
59,935	0	59,935	A	Streets	156,220	76,600	7,700	84,300
2,015	0	2,015	B	Communications	3,800	1,900		1,900
5,060	0	5,060	C	Street Lighting	6,997	5,150		5,150
1,935	0	1,935	E	Yards	1,950	300		300
68,945	0	68,945		Total Other Public Works	168,967	83,950	7,700	91,650
5,110	0	5,110	I	Library	15,820	3,300		3,300
300	0	300	J	Fire	4,585	4,600		4,600
9,620	0	9,620	K	Police	47,869	19,500		19,500
10,500	3,800	14,300	L,N,O	Community Services	78,212	29,820	11,375	41,195
31,290	6,100	37,390	P,Q, R	Parks	76,590	19,070	14,500	33,570
11,500	0	11,500	U	Other	26,880	8,280		8,280
7,250	0	7,250	W	Civic Property Management	46,903	9,650		9,650
3,000		3,000		Supplementary Capital		3,000		3,000
				Inflation Adjustment and Debenture Discounts		10,000		10,000
252,265	9,900	262,165		Total Capital Plan	598,931	320,470	33,575	354,045



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Executive Overview

Introduction

In November 2005, residents of the City of Vancouver will be asked to vote on the 2006-2008 Capital Plan in the municipal election. The opinions of adult City residents are being surveyed to assess perceptions of Capital Plan policies and priorities for the upcoming Capital Plan as a means of providing public consultation input to City Council when planning for the capital expenditures over the next three years. A total of 636 random telephone interviews were completed during August 24 -29, 2005. Key findings are summarized briefly in this *Executive Overview*. Further details are presented in the *Detailed Findings* section.

Key Findings

Top Issues of Concern

Three issues again emerge at the forefront of the public agenda, similar to the past tracking for the City. The public wishes to see greatest attention given by Vancouver City Council to:

In the lead:

- transportation (congestion, inadequate/ poor public transit) and
- crime (personal safety, theft/ break-ins, drugs related problems)

Followed by:

- social issues (homelessness/ poverty), dropping in prominence at this time, but maintaining a solid second position.

Current Satisfaction and Perceived Change in Quality of City Services

Residents are generally satisfied with the quality of services provided by the City. In total, over eight-in-ten (84%) are "very or somewhat satisfied"; almost three-in-ten are "very satisfied" (28%).

Opinions about changes in the quality of City services over the past few years are divided, as usual. About three-in-ten residents perceive an improvement, while two-in-ten have noticed some deterioration. One-third perceives no change with the balance (12%) being unable to make a judgment. However, note that the positive perception of "better" quality has grown since 2003, now outweighing those who perceive a decline.

Awareness of Capital Plan

Four-in-ten residents know of the City's capital budget process of borrowing for long term projects. However, only one-in-ten have seen the 2006-2008 Capital Plan flyers (or visited the website). Among those exposed to the flyer, for the information it provides the flyer is rated favourably by over six-in-ten (good, very good or excellent ratings). Two-in-ten are more critical (fair or poor ratings), while the remaining 20% are unable to evaluate or recall the contents.

Specific Spending Preferences

Public Works – A large majority of residents (74%) believe that public works facilities provided by the City are adequate. Over half (52%) opt for funding in this area to stay the same, while just over four-in-ten suggest increasing the budget.

Parks and Recreation Facilities – Nearly eight-in-ten residents (78%) find the park and recreation facilities provided by the City to be sufficient. Over half of residents prefer the funding for parks and recreation facilities to remain at the current level, whereas over four-in-ten wish to see the City “top-up” the funding.

Community Services – Opinion is more divided for this area of service. In total, 45% perceive the current level is adequate, but 37% find community services to be insufficient. While one-third believes the funding amount should stay the same, over half of residents think that funding should be boosted.

Civic Facilities – Most residents (78%) consider civic facilities provided by the City to be ample. Only 17% feel these types of services are insufficient. Over half of residents choose to continue spending the same amount of money on civic facilities, while just over four-in-ten concur that increased funding would be more appropriate.

<i>Main Area of Spending</i>	<i>Have Found Facilities/Services Adequate:</i>	<i>Support Increased Funding:</i>
Public works	74%	42%
Parks and recreation facilities	78%	43%
Community services	45%	52%
Civic facilities	78%	42%

Importance of Specific Projects

The project given high priority by the most City residents is revitalization initiatives to improve social and economic conditions in Downtown Eastside. (66% rate this project 8-10 out of a possible 10 on the importance scale).

A second tier of projects, that are afforded high priority by over half of residents (52-56%) includes: maintenance and improvement of infrastructure, traffic flow and safety improvements and support for affordable housing. Most other projects follow in the mid-range with high importance ratings (8-10 out of a possible 10) given by 37-46% of residents.

The three projects residents consider the lowest priorities are maintenance and improvement of non-City-owned facilities, upgrading and construction of additional community centres and recreation facilities and new library branches.

<i>Specific Project</i>	<i>High Importance (rated 8-10 out of 10)</i>	<i>Average Score</i>
Downtown Eastside revitalization	66%	7.9
Maintain/improve infrastructure	52%	7.5
Traffic flow/safety improvements	55%	7.4
Support for affordable housing	56%	7.3
Maintenance of pedestrian facilities	46%	7.1
Upgrade/build new social service/childcare facilities	43%	6.8
Maintain/improve City-owned facilities	37%	6.8
Acquire new park space for neighbourhoods without them	42%	6.6
Construct/expand pedestrian/bike systems	42%	6.5
New library branches	32%	6.3
Upgrade/construct additional community centres/recreation facilities	30%	6.3
Maintain/upgrade non-City-owned facilities	28%	6.0

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 10 = extremely important

Opinion of Specific Expenditures

Funding Allocation Ratio – There is broad support for the policy of allocating 75% of the funding to maintain existing infrastructure and 25% to new services and facilities, with 80% of residents in support and one-in-five citing strong support. Opposition is found among 13% of City residents.

Joint Funding with Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee (VANOC) – Residents generally support the joint funding venture with VANOC; six-in-ten agree that the City takes the opportunity to share replacement costs with VANOC to build new civic facilities or replace some worn out facilities sooner even if the City has to borrow \$35 million and increase taxes by 1.25% over the next 3 years. About one-third are opposed (with 15% strongly opposed).

Replacement of Mt. Pleasant Community Centre Outdoor Pool – Half of City residents reject this plan, with 23% strongly opposed. While 37% show support for this proposal, 13% are undecided. Among those who support this project, 50% would like to eliminate other projects and 43% approve of increasing the property taxes to fund this proposition.

New Branch Library in Downtown Eastside/ Strathcona – There is slim majority support (54%) to include construction funding of this new branch library to the Capital Plan including 19% strongly supporting it. Among these supporters, opinion of how to fund this project is divided; 48% think other projects should be eliminated while 44% prefer the City Council to raise property taxes.

Conclusions

- Residents are generally satisfied with the services provided by the City and perceptions of improvement in quality are growing.
- At this time a sizable minority is aware of the Capital Plan process, but there is a lot of room to expand awareness. More concerted efforts to promote materials might be considered.
- Community services are seen to be the most lacking in adequacy of the facilities, while other areas such as public works, parks and recreation and civic facilities are thought to be adequate by most residents.
- Funding increases are recommended by just over half of residents (52%) for community services, compared to about 42-43% suggesting increases for the other facilities (public works, parks and recreation and civic facilities).
- Over half of residents want Council to give greatest attention to transportation and public safety (crime), but social issues (focused on homelessness/housing), while coming in second, actually takes priority in terms of some of the specific projects to be funded by the Capital Plan. In particular, revitalization of the Downtown Eastside is the most favoured. Other high priority projects include: maintaining and improving infrastructure, traffic flow and safety improvements and support for affordable housing.
- The 75% maintenance funding-25% new services/facilities funding allocation ratio is supported by the vast majority of residents (eight in ten).
- Joint funding with VANOC and borrowing of \$35 million to speed the availability of new facilities is generally supported by the public (61%).
- While replacement of the Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool is not supported by half of residents, including construction of the new library branch for the Downtown Eastside in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan is approved of by just over half of residents City-wide.

Foreword

Background and Research Objectives

In November 2005, residents of the City of Vancouver will be asked to vote on the 2006-2008 Capital Plan in the municipal election. As part of the public consultation process, the opinions of adult City residents are being surveyed to assess perceptions of Capital Plan policies and priorities for the upcoming Capital Plan. The survey findings will be one of the forms of input provided to City Council in planning for the capital expenditures over the next three years.

The research objectives are designed to measure residents' opinion on the following:

- Main local issues of concern
- Satisfaction with City of Vancouver services
- Awareness of the City's Capital Plan and the related flyer
- Adequacy of existing facilities and funding preferences in key areas of service
- Importance of specific projects
- Support for specific Capital Plan allocations and inclusion of additional projects

Methodology

A random telephone survey was conducted among residents of the City of Vancouver 18 years of age and over. A total of 636 interviews were completed, distributed about equally across five regions of interest (Downtown/West End plus the rest of the City divided into four quadrants with 16th Avenue defining the north/south boundaries and Main Street the east/west boundaries).

The regions were geo-mapped to match the area boundaries and random samples of households were drawn for each area, using the regularly up-dated database of Telus' published, residential telephone listings. Within each household the eligible respondent was chosen at random (next birthday method). Up to five calls were made in attempting to complete an interview with each household/respondent selected, a measure to minimize potential non-response bias.

At the data processing stage the data was weighted back into proper proportion by region, as well as matching 2001 census statistics for the City on age within gender. The final sample is distributed as follows:

Sample Distribution		
	<u>Actual</u> (636) %	<u>Weighted</u> (636) %
Gender		
Male	50	49
Female	51	52
Age		
18-24	9	12
25-34	19	23
35-44	19	21
45-54	20	18
55-64	13	10
65 and over	19	15
Region		
Southwest	22	21
Southeast	21	30
Northwest	19	16
Northeast	20	20
Downtown/West End	19	13

A copy of the questionnaire used in this study is appended. Interviewing was offered to respondents in English and two alternative languages Chinese and Punjabi. The language of interview was distributed as follows:

English	601
Chinese	33
Punjabi	2

All interviewing was conducted from the Mustel Group CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) facility in the City of Vancouver, where telephone interviewing staff is supervised and monitored. Fieldwork was completed August 24-29, 2005 on weekdays between 4 and 9 p.m. and on weekends between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Results

The results are presented here in the format of an *Executive Overview*, summarizing the key findings, and a more comprehensive *Detailed Findings* section.

Statistical tolerance limits (or sampling margin of error) for a simple random sample of 600 interviews are +/- 4.0% at the 95% confidence level (or 19 times out of 20, if the study were to be repeated).

Detailed Findings

1. Most Important Issues Facing Vancouver

1.1 *Top-of-Mind Issues*

Named (unprompted) by City residents as the leading local issues that should receive the greatest attention from City Council are transportation, crime and, to a lesser extent at this time, social issues. Transportation and crime lead equally with social issues dropping at this time to second position.

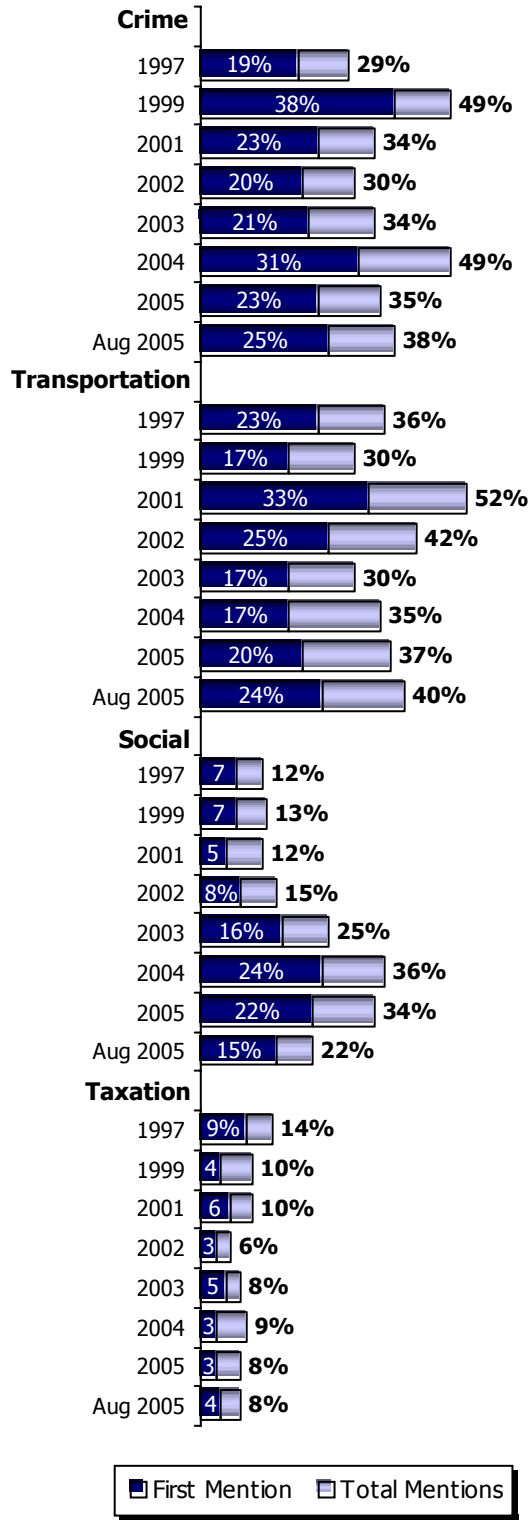
Transportation is one of the most prominent issues in the minds of residents in City of Vancouver (named by 40%). Specific concerns include traffic congestion (19%), lack of/ poor quality public transit (16%) and poor condition of streets (6%). The emphasis on transportation is higher among the following sub-segments: people with children, West side residents, and property tax payers/homeowners.

Another major concern is crime (raised by 38%), in particular personal safety (16%), theft/ break-ins (14%) and drugs and problems related to drugs (10%). The Chinese community, residents in the South East area and those living in single detached houses are more likely to worry about this issue.

Social issues (22% in total), focusing on homelessness/ poverty (17%) and lack of affordable housing (6%) is another important concern. Residents who tend to put a heavier weight on this issue are home renters and those who live in the north side of the City including Downtown.

Remaining issues that receive less attention are related to environment (9%), taxation (8%) and the growth of the City of Vancouver (6%).

Most Important Issues Facing Vancouver
 - Major Mentions Only -

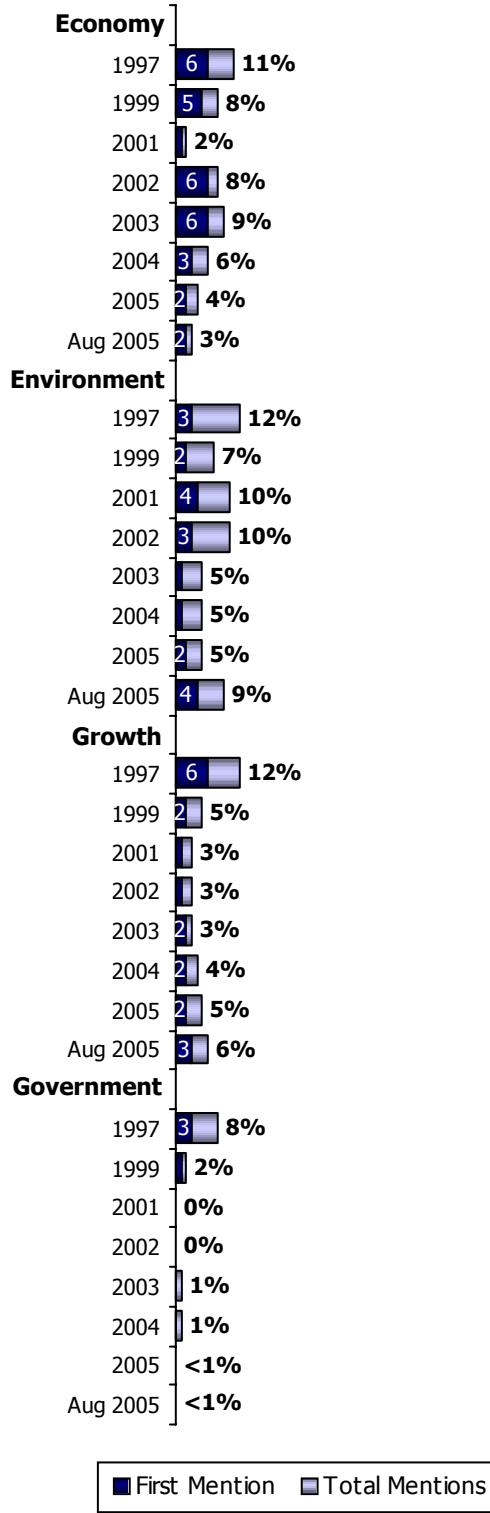


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 Base: 2005 (n=636)
 Base: Aug 2005 (n=636)

Continued ...

Q.1a) Now, to begin our questions, in your view as a resident of Vancouver, what is the most important local issue facing the City of Vancouver, that is the one issue you feel should receive the greatest attention from Vancouver's City council?
 Q.1b) Are there any other important local issues?

Most Important Issues Facing Vancouver, continued
- Major Mentions Only -



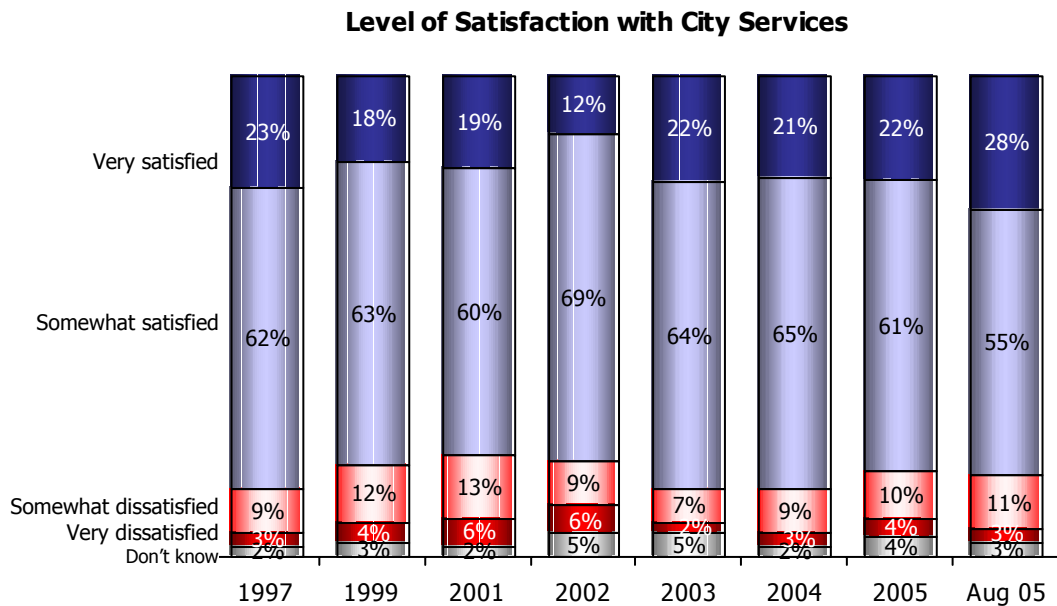
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 Q.1b) Are there any other important local issues?

2. Perceptions of City Services

2.1 Level of Satisfaction with City Services

In general, the majority of residents are satisfied with the overall quality of services provided by the City of Vancouver. In total, 84% are “very or somewhat satisfied” and over a quarter (28%) is “very satisfied”. Dissatisfaction is low (14% in total).



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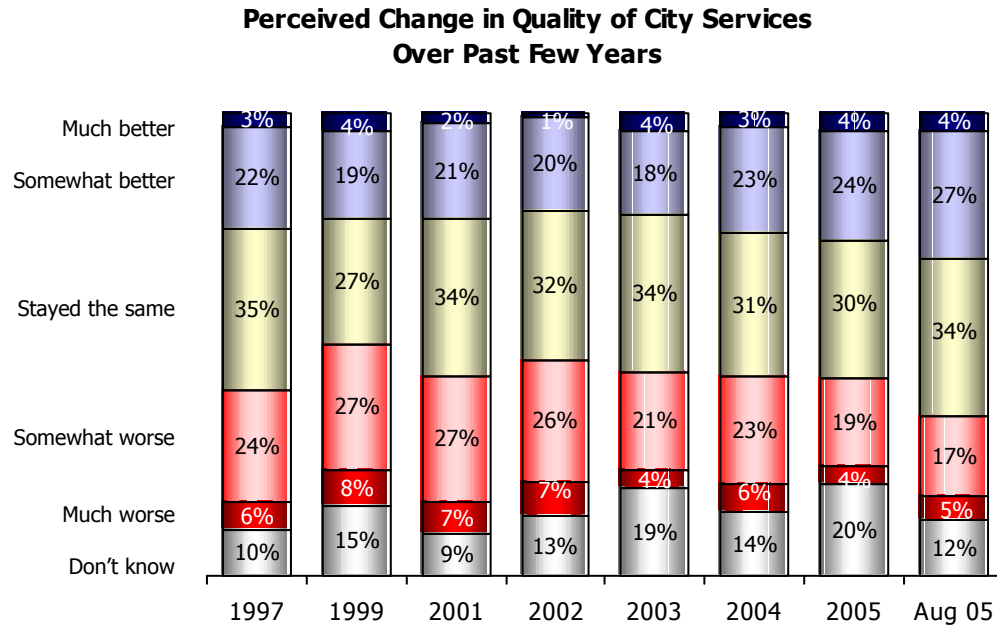
Base: 2005 (n=636)

Base: Aug 05 (n=636)

Q.2) Generally speaking, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the overall quality of services provided to you by the City of Vancouver?

2.2 Perceived Change in Quality of City Services over Past Few Years

A larger proportion of residents perceive an improvement, rather than deterioration, in the quality of city services over the past few years (31% vs. 22%). Recognition of better quality services has been growing since 2004, and reached its highest levels in 2005.



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Q.3) And would you say that the overall quality of service provided by the City of Vancouver has got better or worse over the past few years?

Note that the current measure is taken in the summer, while previous measures were conducted in the winter months.

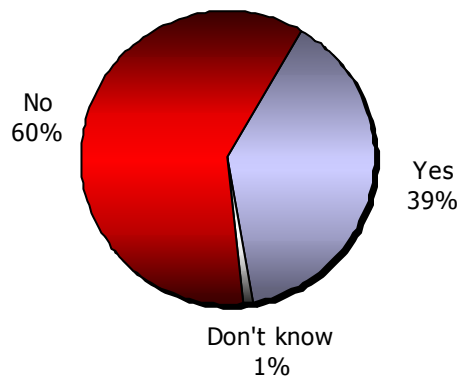
3. Capital Plan

3.1 Awareness of City's Capital Plan

About four-in-ten residents of the City of Vancouver are aware of the City's capital budget process of borrowing for long term projects.

Awareness levels range from 21% to 53% across the population subgroups examined. Most aware are those in households with income \$75,000+ (53%), property tax payers (51%), North West area residents (51%), those over 35 years of age (49%) and voters in the past municipal election (49%). Least aware of the capital budget process include those under 35 years of age (21%), non-voters in past municipal election (23%), the Chinese community (25%), those who have lived in the City less than 10 years (25%).

Aware of the City's Capital Budget Process



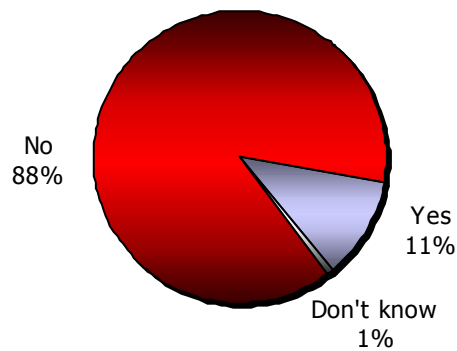
Base: Total (n=636)

Q.4) Prior to this survey, were you aware of the City's capital budget process of borrowing for long term projects?

3.2 Awareness of Capital Plan Flyer

About one-in-ten adult resident recalls seeing the 2006-2008 Capital Plan flyer published by the City in community newspapers, distributed through civic facilities or posted on the City's website.

Awareness of Capital Plan Budget Flyer



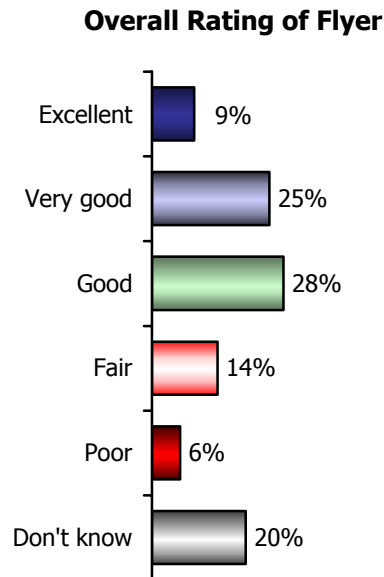
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Q.5a) Earlier this month, the City published a newspaper flyer about the 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan in community newspapers, which was also distributed through civic facilities and posted on the City's website. Have you seen this flyer?

Homeowners are more aware than renters (14% vs. 7%) and South West residents are more aware of the flyer than elsewhere (20%).

3.3 Rating of Capital Plan Flyer

For those who have seen the Capital Plan flyer, a majority rate the flyer favourably (“good” or higher) in terms of the information it provides with about one-third considering it “excellent or very good”. One-in-five are critical of the information provided, giving the flyer a “fair or poor” rating, while a similar size group (20%) has no opinion, suggesting they may not have read it.



Base: Total aware of flyer (n=76)

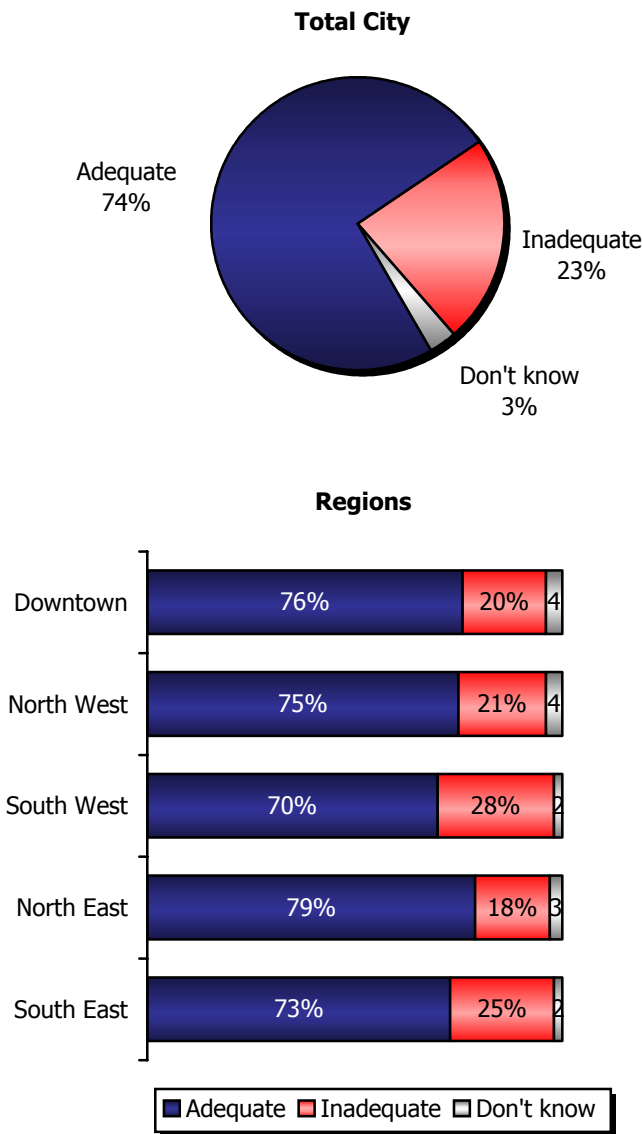
Q.5b) How would you rate this flyer in terms of the information it provides?

4. Specific Spending Preferences

4.1 Public Works

Three-quarters of residents in the City of Vancouver (74%) think that facilities provided by the City in public works such as the rebuilding or maintenance of streets, bridges, sewers and water works, have been adequate in the past. Findings are similar across the City regions.

**Public Works Facilities
Adequate or Inadequate in the Past**

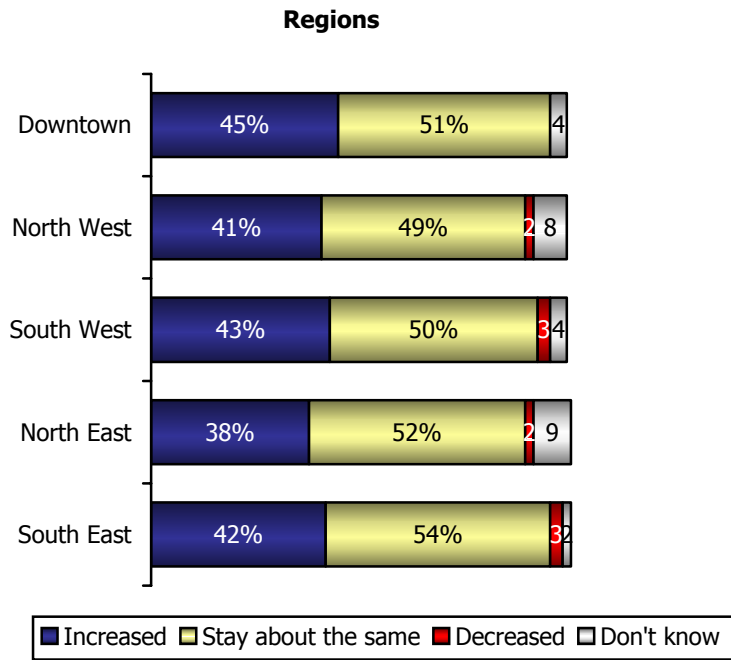
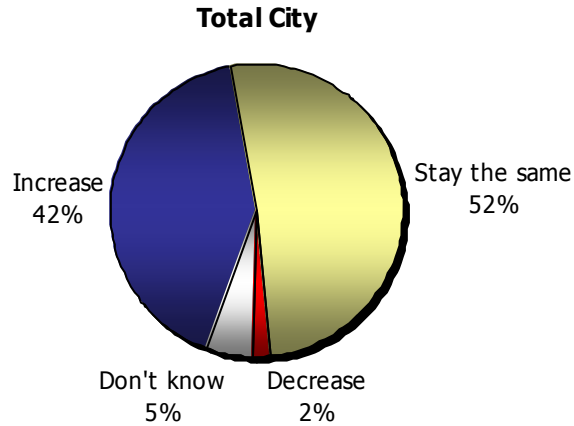


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 North East (n=125)
 South East (n=131)

Q.6.1) Do you believe that the facilities the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

About half of residents (52%) believe funding of public works should remain the same, while four-in-ten suggest increasing the budget for these facilities. There are no significant differences in opinion by region.

Public Works Funding Should ...



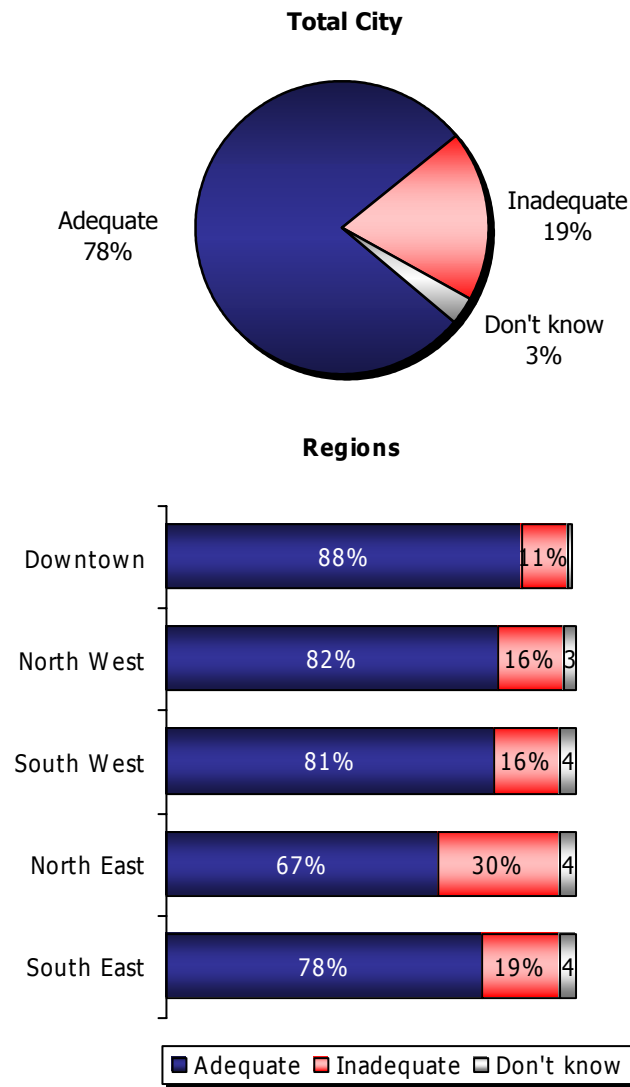
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Q.6.2) And do you think funding in this area should be...

4.2 Parks and Recreation Facilities

In terms of parks and recreation facilities, that is, primarily rebuilding and upgrading of parks and community centres, almost eight-in-ten residents are content with the level of services that have been provided by the City. Nonetheless, somewhat more residents in the North East consider that such facilities have been insufficient.

**Parks and Recreation Facilities
Adequate or Inadequate in the Past**

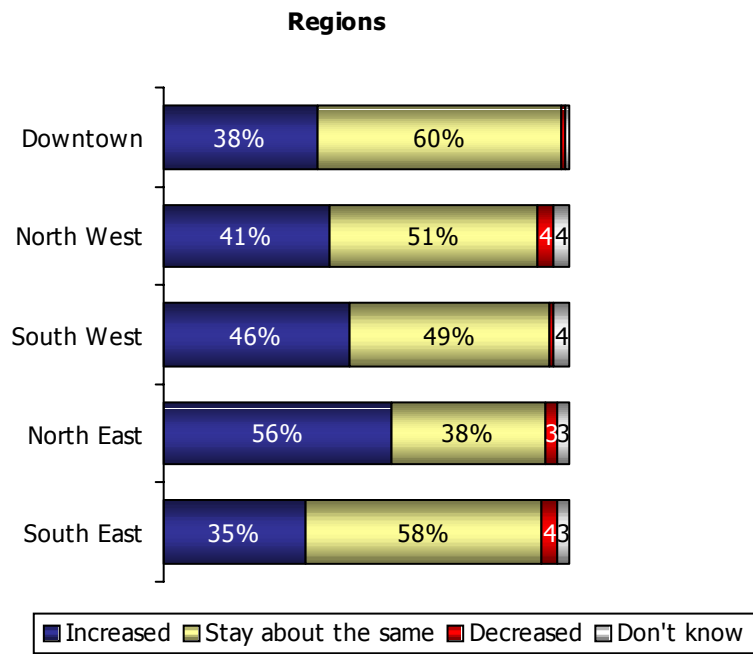
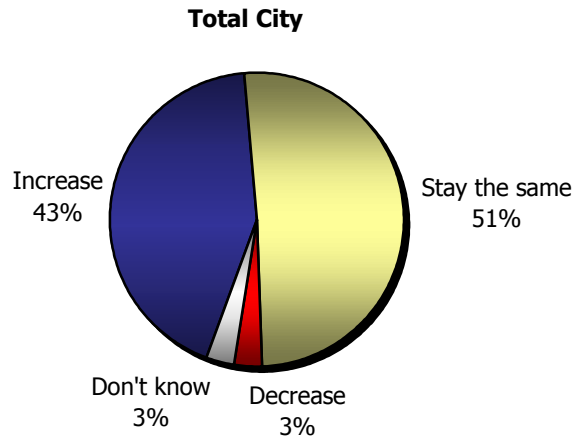


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Q.7.1) Do you believe that the facilities the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

Similar as in the case for public works, about half of residents prefer the funding for parks and recreation facilities to remain at the current level, whereas over four-in-ten wish the City would increase the funding. A higher propensity for approval to allocate more resources to parks and recreation facilities is observed among those residing in the North East area of the City (56%).

Parks and Recreation Funding Should ...



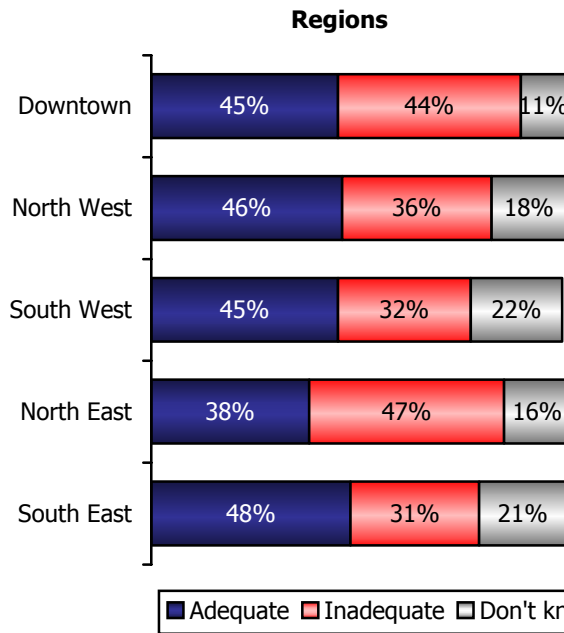
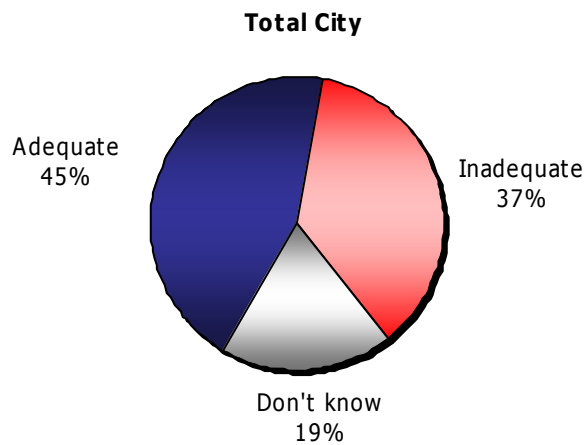
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Q.7.2) And do you think funding in this area should be...

4.3 Community Services

Opinion regarding adequate provision of community services including social, cultural, housing and child care programs and facilities by the City is more divided. In total, 45% of residents perceive the past level has been adequate, whereas 37% declare it has been inadequate. The balance (19%) has no perception about the adequacy of community services. Those who consider community services insufficient are more likely to be renters, apartment/condo dwellers, or those residing in the North East and Downtown.

Community Services Adequate or Inadequate in the Past

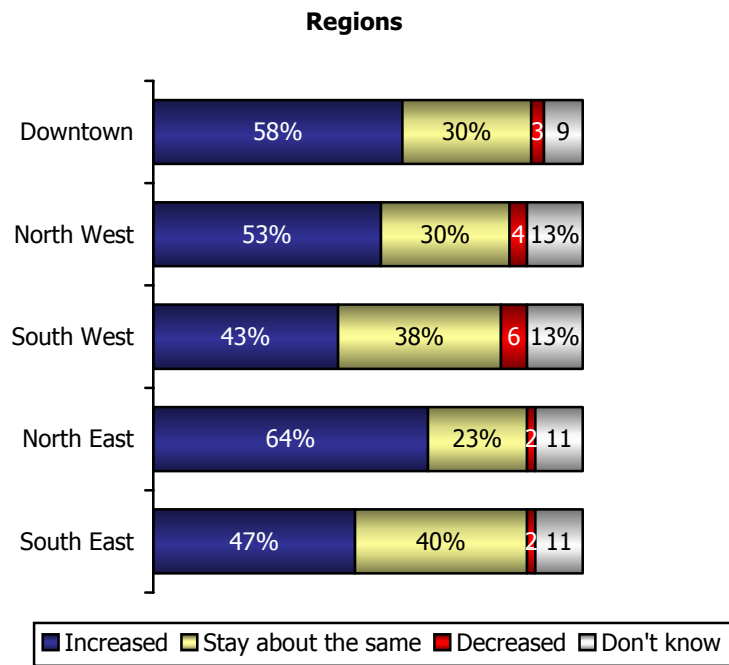
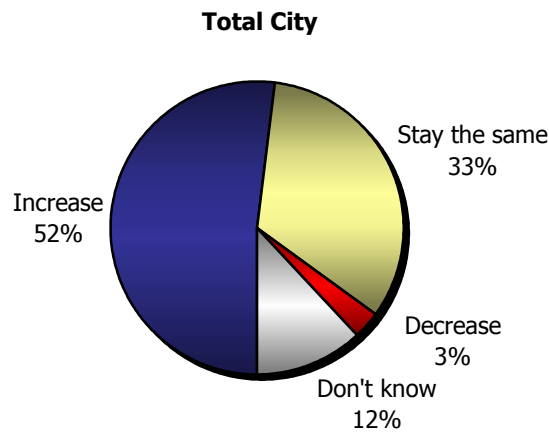


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Q.8.1) Do you believe that the services the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

Over half of respondents think that funding should be boosted in order to provide more community services, while one-third believes the amount should stay the same. Just over one-in-ten respondents are impartial. Somewhat more support for increased funding is found among North East residents, females, those under 35 years of age, home renters, those in apartment/ condos and those newer to the City of Vancouver (less than 10 years).

Community Services Funding Should ...



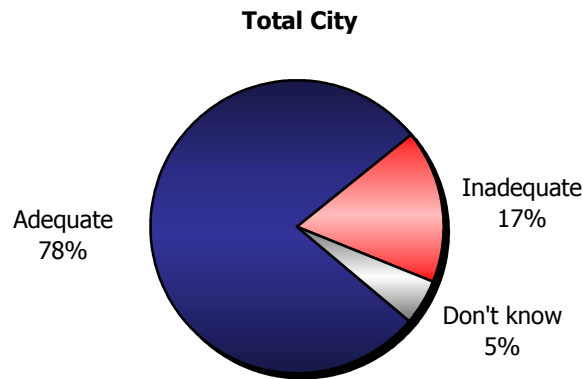
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Q.8.2) And do you think funding in this area should be...

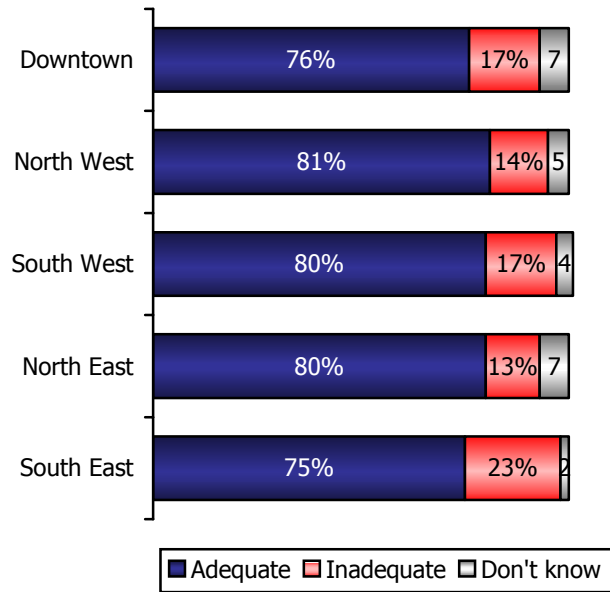
4.4 Civic Facilities

Most residents (78%) consider civic facilities provided by the City such as libraries, fire halls and police stations to have been adequate in the past. Less than one-in-five (17%) feel these types of services have been lacking. Perceptions are consistent across the region and other demographic segments examined.

**Civic Facilities
Adequate or Inadequate in the Past**



Regions

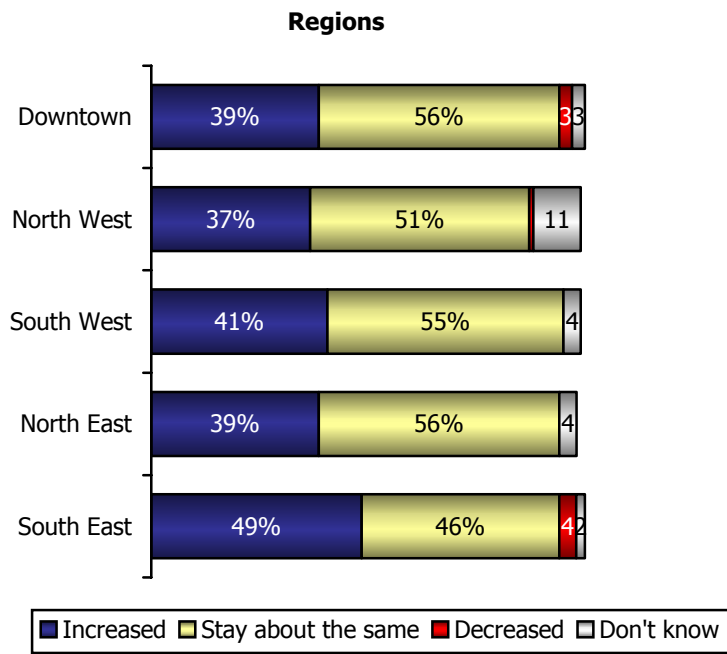
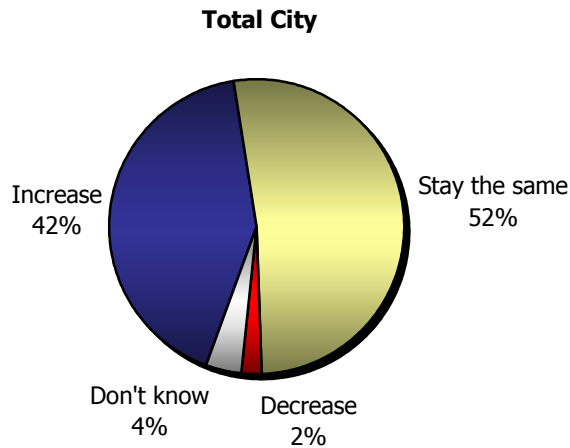


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 South East (n=131)

Q.9.1) Do you believe that the facilities the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

Over half of residents select the option of spending the same amount of money on civic facilities, whereas four-in-ten concur that increased funding is more appropriate. There are no significant differences by region or other demographics.

Civic Facilities Funding Should ...



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Q.9.2) And do you think funding in this area should be...

5. Specific Projects

5.1 Importance of Specific Projects

Twelve specific projects for consideration in the Capital Plan were read to respondents, who were then asked to rate how important each one is to them, personally, using a 10-point scale where *1 means not at all important* and *10 means extremely important*.

The **highest priority** is afforded to revitalization of the Downtown Eastside, reaching an average of almost “8 out of 10” on the importance scale. Two-thirds of City residents rate this project “8” or higher.

- ***Revitalization initiatives to improve social and economic conditions in the Downtown Eastside*** such as housing and job opportunities and improve law enforcement (average rating of 7.9)

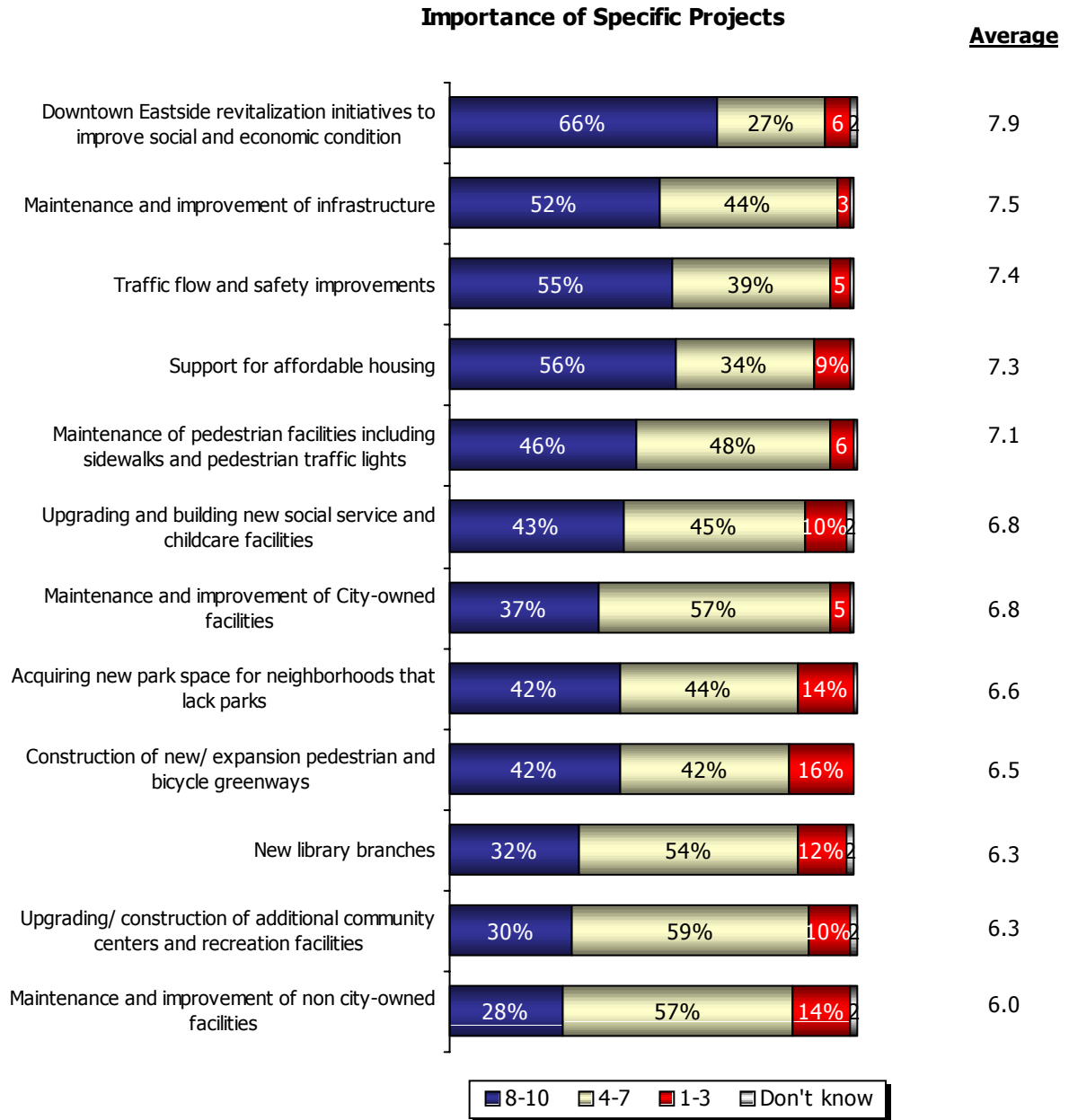
In the **second tier** are several maintenance and improvement projects, as well as another socially-oriented project focused on affordable housing; these projects achieve average scores of 7.3-7.5 with over half of residents rating these projects “8” or higher out of a possible 10 on the importance scale.

- ***Maintenance and improvement of infrastructure*** like street pavement, traffic control and water and sewer systems (average rating of 7.5)
- ***Traffic flow and safety improvements***, such as left turn bays, traffic diverters, traffic signals and lighting (average rating of 7.4)
- ***Support for affordable housing*** (average rating of 7.3)

In the middle range are numerous projects where approximately 35-45% of residents consider these capital projects to be of high importance (rating them 8-10); average scores range from 6.5 to 7.1.

The **lowest priority projects**, out of the 12 that were measured, garner high ratings (8 or higher) from less than one-third of the adult populace; these are:

- ***Maintenance and improvement of non-City-owned facilities***, such as cultural, community and daycare facilities (average rating of 6.0),
- ***Upgrading and construction of additional community centres and recreation facilities*** (average rating of 6.3) and
- ***New library branches***, including the highest priority branch in the Downtown Eastside/ Strathcona area (average rating of 6.3).



10 = Extremely important

1 = Not at all important

Base: Total (n=636)

Q.10) Please rate the importance to you of each of the following specific projects on a scale of one to ten, where one means not at all important and ten means extremely important, starting with...(LIST RANDOMIZED)

The following table details population sub-groups that tend to give relatively higher importance to a particular project.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Of relatively higher importance to:</i>
Downtown Eastside revitalization initiatives to improve social and economic conditions	Women, those under 55 years old, home renters, those who live in apartment/ condos, Downtown and North East residents, those who have lived in the city less than 10 years
Maintenance and improvement of infrastructure	South West residents and those who dwell in single detached houses
Traffic flow and safety improvements	Women and South East residents
Support for affordable housing	Women, those under 55 years old, household incomes less than \$50,000, home renters, live in apartment/ condos, lived in the city less than 10 years
Maintenance of pedestrian facilities	Women
Upgrading and building new social service and childcare facilities	Women, those under 55 years old, home renters, live in apartment/ condos, Downtown residents, lived in the city for less than 10 years
Maintenance and improvement to City-owned facilities	Women and those under 55 years old
Acquiring new park space for neighbourhoods that lack parks	Those under 55 years old, home renters, live in apartment/ condos, lived in the city less than 10 years
Construction of new pedestrian and bicycle Greenways and expansion of the City's sidewalk and bicycle network	Those under 55 years old, home renters, dwell in apartments/ condos, non-South West residents, lived in the city for less than 10 years
New library branches	Those under 55 years old and home renters
Upgrading and construction of additional community centres and recreation facilities	Women, those under 55 years old and renters
Maintenance and improvement of non-City owned facilities	Women, those under 55 years old, household incomes less than \$75,000, home renters, live in apartment/ condo, non-North West residents and lived in the city for less than 10 years

5.2 Other Important Projects

When respondents were asked to volunteer any other major projects that they consider important priorities to be included in the Capital Plan, the vast majority (86%) cannot name a specific area of concern.

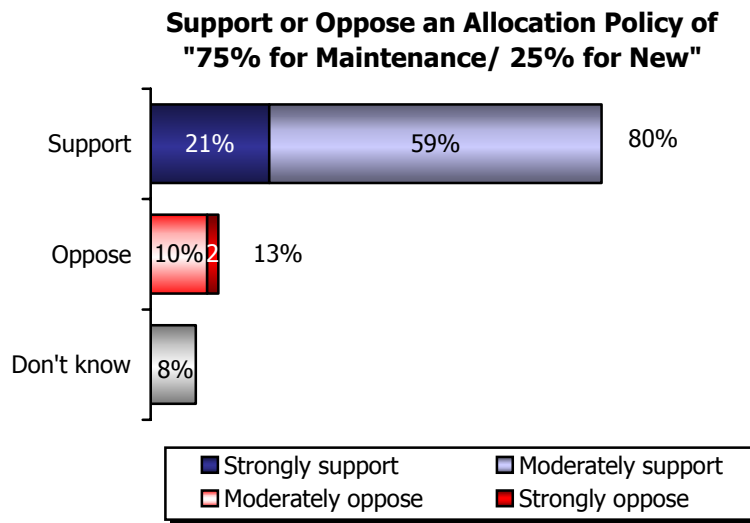
A small group think it is important for the City to improve public transit, such as acquiring more buses, having more bus routes and increasing the SkyTrain frequency (5%). This is the most common mention. (Reference: Q11)

6. Opinion of Specific Expenditures

6.1 Infrastructure

Eight-in-ten residents of the City of Vancouver support the policy of allocating 75% of the funding to maintain existing infrastructure and facilities and 25% to new services and facilities, although just one-in-five “strongly support” this ratio.

Among the small minority of residents who oppose this 75/25 allocation policy, on average, they think that 54% for maintenance of existing infrastructure and 46% for new services and facilities would be more appropriate.



Base: Total (n=636)

Q.12a) Overall, do you generally support or oppose this policy for the capital plan?

6.2 Joint Funding with Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee

Six-in-ten residents of the City of Vancouver support taking the opportunity now to share the cost of building new or replacing aging civic facilities with the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee. Respondents were read the following description and then asked if they support or oppose borrowing \$35 million dollars in the Capital Plan to take advantage of similar funding from VANOC to replace aging facilities:

VANOC, the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee will contribute money toward building new civic facilities, or replacing some worn out facilities if the City can come up with the other half of the money.

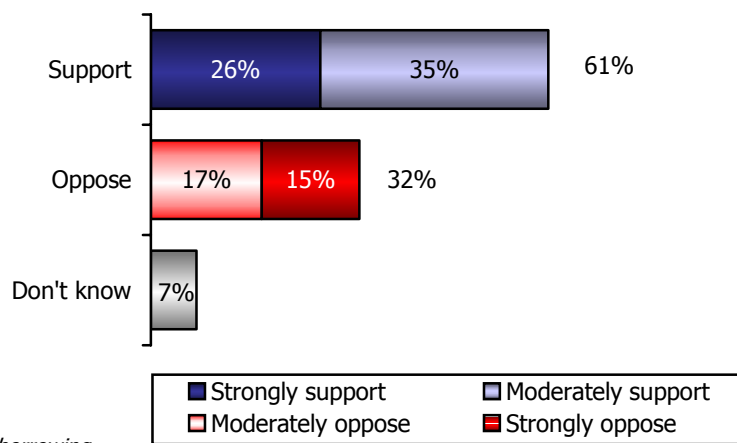
For a City investment of \$35 million, citizens could have three new ice rinks, a major indoor pool, a community centre, a branch library and a curling club. It would mean a 1.25 per cent tax increase over the course of the 3-year plan, which would be offset in future capital plans.

If this opportunity to share replacement costs with VANOC is not taken, the City will have to pick up the full costs for these facilities in the future. By paying for these now, the City can save money and enable citizens to use the renewed facilities sooner.

About six-in-10 City of Vancouver residents support the proposal to borrow \$35 million for this joint venture, with about one-quarter supporting it strongly. Support outweighs opposition by a ratio of almost 2 to 1.

Men and those with household income \$75,000 plus express a higher interest regarding this proposal.

Support/Oppose Borrowing 35 Million Dollars To Take Advantage of VANOC Funding



Base: Total (n=636)

Q.13) Do you support or oppose borrowing 35 million dollars in the Capital Plan to take advantage of similar funding provided by VANOC to replace aging facilities?

6.3 Replacement of Mt. Pleasant Community Centre

Public opinion was measured on two additional capital projects which are currently not funded in the Capital Plan. The following introduction was read to respondents prior to gauging the level of residents' approval:

"Council has requested input from the public on the inclusion of two additional projects that are not currently funded in the Capital Plan. If both of these projects are to be included, Council will have the choice of increasing property taxes by approximately 0.5% over the term of the Capital Plan, or of excluding other projects from the Plan".

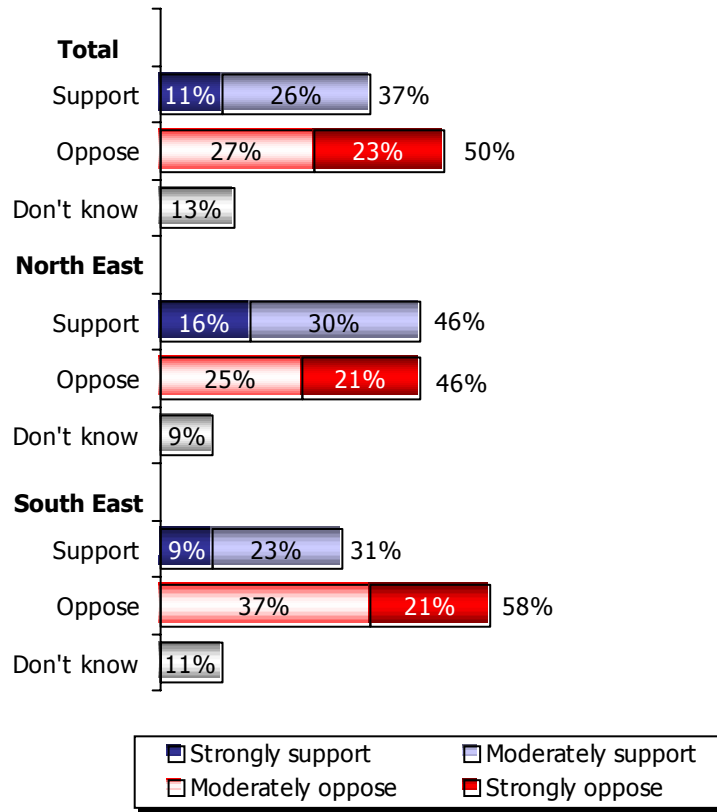
Replacement of the Mt. Pleasant Community Center is described as follows:

"The Park Board is planning the replacement of Mt. Pleasant Community Centre at 16th and Ontario with a major new centre at Kingsway and Main Street. However, the new centre will not include replacement of the outdoor pool at the current location. Instead, the Park Board plans to include new indoor/ outdoor facilities approximately one mile south at Hillcrest Park".

Replacement of Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool: When asked if they support or oppose replacement of the Mt. Pleasant pool at a cost of \$4 million, half of City residents are against this plan, with 23% in strongly opposition. A sizable minority, 37%, show support for this pool replacement project, while the remaining 13% are undecided. Residents in the South East area pose the strongest opposition (58% opposed).

Among those who support the replacement of the Mt. Pleasant Community Center outdoor pool, opinion about how to fund the project is divided; 50% would like to eliminate other projects, while 43% approve of increasing property taxes.

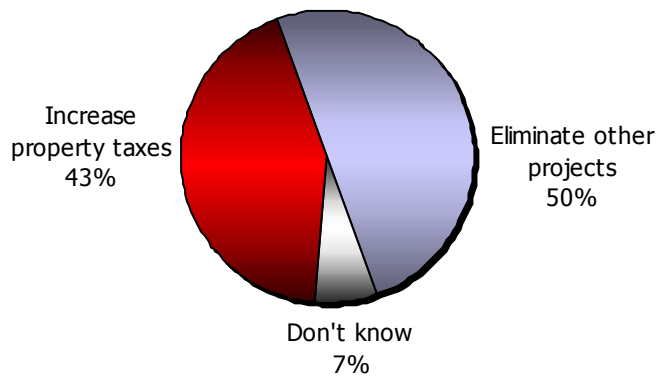
Support/ Oppose the Replacement of Mt. Pleasant Pool



Base: Total (n=636), North East (n=125), South East (n=131)

Q.14ai) Would you support/oppose the replacement of Mt. Pleasant Pool at the current location at a cost of approximately \$4.0 million?

Fund Replacement Pool Project



Base: Total support the replacement of the Mt. Pleasant Pool (n=234)

Q.14aii) To fund this project would you prefer property taxes to increase or that Council eliminate other projects from the plan to accommodate it?

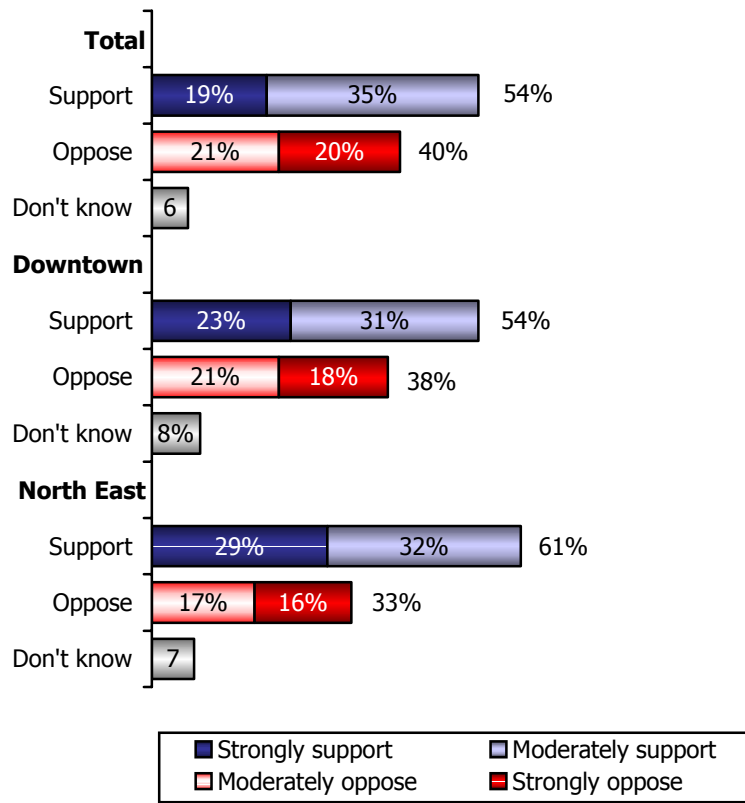
6.4 New Branch Library in Downtown Eastside/Strathcona

The new branch library in Downtown Eastside/ Strathcona is described as follows:

“The Library has plans to construct a new branch library in the Downtown Eastside/ Strathcona neighbourhood. The 2006-2008 Capital Plan includes funding to purchase property for the branch and begin design work. Construction funding of \$10.5 million was to be provided in a subsequent Capital Plan”.

In total, over half (54%) of residents agree to the inclusion of construction funding for this new branch library in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan, while a sizable minority (40%) are in opposition. A majority of residents, across all areas of the City, approve (60-62%) with the exception of the South East (where support is 43%).

Support/Oppose the Inclusion of Construction Funding of New Branch Library in Downtown Eastside/Strathcona

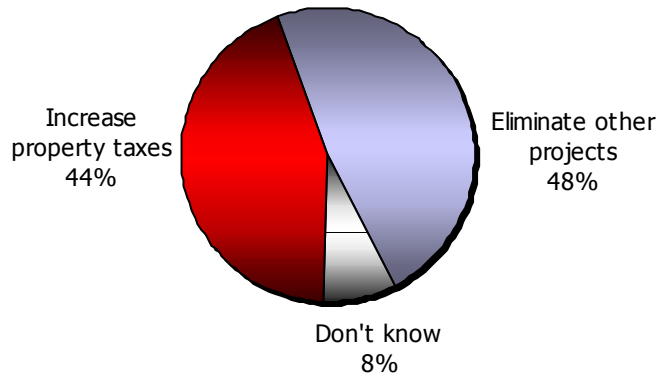


Base: Total (n=636), Downtown (n=121), North East (n=125)

Q.14bi) Would you support or oppose the inclusion of construction funding in this plan at a cost of approximately \$10.5 million?

Among supporters of constructing a new branch library in the Downtown Eastside, once again, opinion on how to fund this project is divided; 48% think other projects should be eliminated, while 44% prefer the City Council to raise property taxes.

Fund New Branch Library Project



Base: Total support new branch library in the downtown Eastside/Strathcona (n=349)

Q.14bii) To fund this project would you prefer property taxes to increase or that Council eliminate other projects from the plan to accommodate it?

7. Respondent Profile

Respondent Profile	
	<u>Total</u> (636) %
Gender	
Male	49
Female	52
Age	
18 to 24 years	12
25 to 34 years	23
35 to 44 years	21
45 to 54 years	18
55 to 64 years	10
65 or older	15
Refused	1
Children under 18 living in household	
Yes	28
No	72
Household income	
Less than \$25,000	19
\$25,000 to less than \$50,000	26
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	18
\$75,000 or more	25
Refused	13
Ethnic background	
British (English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish)	32
Chinese	28
East European	9
Canadian	6
German	6
East Indian	4
Others	22
Refused	4

Respondent Profile (cont'd)	
	<u>Total</u> (636) %
Area of Residence	
Westend/ Downtown Vancouver	13
North East	20
North West	16
South East	30
South West	21
Years as residents in City of Vancouver	
Less than 2 years	5
2 to 4 years	11
5 to 9 years	15
10 to 19 years	21
20 to 29 years	13
30 years or more	34
Home tenure	
Own	52
Rent	41
Other	6
Refused	1
Type of dwelling	
Single, detached house	55
Apartment or condo	39
Duplex or townhouse	6
Refused	1
Person responsible for paying property taxes or rent in household	
Yes, pay property taxes	47
Yes, pay rent	34
No	18
Refused	1
Plan to vote in November City election on Capital Plan	
Yes	79
No	15
Don't know	7
Voted in last municipal election	
Yes	62
No	27
Didn't live here then/ was not eligible	8
Refused	3

Appendix

Questionnaire

Questionnaire

Hello, my name is _____, calling on behalf of the City of Vancouver. Today we're conducting a survey about the services the City provides. Could I speak with the person in your household who is 18 years of age or older, has lived in the City of Vancouver for at least 6 months and has the next birthday?

IF NECESSARY, SCHEDULE CALL-BACK TIME.

IF THE RESPONDENT HAS AN ACCENT, please inform him/her that the interview can be conducted in (READ LANGUAGES) If respondent wishes to continue in that language, RECORD LANGUAGE PREFERRED AND PROCEED AS INSTRUCTED BY SUPERVISOR.

1. Cantonese
2. Mandarin
3. Punjabi

If preferred language is not available, please inform respondent that we do not have an interviewer who speaks that language. Ask if the interview can continue in English.

Note: For verification of the survey, respondents can contact Liz Jones at the City of Vancouver (604-871-6169) during regular business hours.

A. GENDER

1. Male
2. Female

B. Do you live in the City of Vancouver itself?

1. Yes CONTINUE
2. No THANK & TERMINATE

C. We're speaking to people from different communities in the City of Vancouver in order to get a good cross-section of residents.

C1. Do you live north or south of 16th Avenue?

1. North
2. South

C2. And, do you live east or west of Main street?

1. East
2. West

If "North" of 16th AND "West" of Main Street, ask:

C3. Do you live in: READ:

1. Westend/Downtown Vancouver
2. UBC Endowment Lands/UBC Campus (THANK & TERMINATE)
- DNR 3. NO (Put in North West)

WATCH AREA QUOTAS:

If "North" in C1 and "East" in C2, put in North East

If "North" in C1 and "West" in C2 and "No" in C3, put in North West

If "South" in C1 and "East" in C2, put in South East

If "South" in C1 and "West" in C2, put in South West

If "North" in C1 and "West" In C2 and "code 1" in C3, put in Westend/Downtown Vancouver

D. Do you rent or own your current place of residence?

1. Rent
2. Own
- DNR 3. OTHER (live with parents/ rent free but not an owner)

I. GENERAL SATISFACTION LEVELS

1a. Now, to begin our questions, in your view as a resident of Vancouver, what is the most important local issue facing the City of Vancouver, that is the one issue you feel should receive the greatest attention from Vancouver's City council? **(ONE RESPONSE ONLY) DO NOT READ LIST**

1b. **Probe...**Are there any other important local issues? **(PROBE. ACCEPT 2 ANSWERS) DO NOT READ LIST**

1. Traffic congestion
2. Lack of/poor quality of public transit
3. Poor condition of streets

4. Theft/break-ins
5. Personal safety

6. Overdevelopment/growth
7. Too many subdivisions/housing developments
8. Poor planning

9. Government spending (spending level of government) _____
10. Property tax increases
11. Inefficient government
12. Deficits

13. Pollution/air quality
14. Lack of affordable housing
15. Homeless/poverty

16. The economy

96. Other (SPECIFY) _____
97. Nothing in particular

2. Generally speaking, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the overall quality of services provided to you by the City of Vancouver? **Probe...**Would that be very/somewhat satisfied/dissatisfied?
1. Very satisfied
 2. Somewhat satisfied
 3. Somewhat dissatisfied
 4. Very dissatisfied
3. And, would you say that the overall quality of service provided by the City of Vancouver has got better or worse over the past few years? **Probe...**Would that be much/somewhat better/worse?
1. Much better
 2. Somewhat better
 3. Somewhat worse
 4. Much worse
 5. Stayed the same
- DNR

II. CAPITAL PLAN AND SPECIFIC SPENDING PREFERENCES

In addition to paying for day-to-day operating costs like wages and expenses for the services it provides, the City also spends money to maintain, build and improve infrastructure such as streets, bridges, parks and community centres, social and cultural facilities, libraries and public safety facilities. These costs are called capital expenditures and Vancouver plans for these items in three year cycles through its Capital Plan. The Capital Plan outlines what the City can afford to spend and the highest priority projects for the next three years.

The City pays for these projects primarily through your property taxes. In some circumstances, the City gets contributions from developers or from senior governments and community partners to pay for a capital item.

The City is currently developing its Capital Plan for 2006 - 2008. Council will finalize the plan in late September and the public will be asked to approve the required borrowing in the municipal election in November.

I would now like to ask you a few questions about the capital expenditure priorities included in the Capital Plan.

4. Prior to this survey, were you aware of the City's capital budget process of borrowing for long term projects?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Don't know/No opinion

- 5a. Earlier this month, the City published a newspaper flyer about the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan in community newspapers, which was also distributed through civic facilities and posted on the City's website.

Have you seen this flyer?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/No opinion

- b. IF YES: How would you rate this flyer in terms of the information it provides?

Excellent
Very good
Good
Fair
Poor

Rotate order of Q.6, Q.7, Q.8 & Q.9:

I will now ask you about four main areas of spending. The first area is... The next area is...

- 6. Public works such as the rebuilding or maintenance of streets, bridges, sewers and water works.**

- 6.1 Do you believe that the facilities the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

1. Adequate
2. Inadequate

- 6.2 And do you think funding in this area should be...**Read**

1. Increased
2. Decreased; or
3. Stay about the same

- 7. Parks and recreation facilities, primarily rebuilding and upgrading of parks and community centres.**

- 7.1 Do you believe that the facilities the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

1. Adequate
2. Inadequate

- 7.2 And do you think funding in this area should be...**Read**

1. Increased
2. Decreased; or
3. Stay about the same

8. Community services including social, cultural, housing and child care programs and facilities

8.1 Do you believe that the services that the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

1. Adequate
2. Inadequate

8.2 And do you think funding in this area should be...**Read**

1. Increased
2. Decreased; or
3. Stay about the same

9. Civic facilities such as libraries, firehalls and police stations.

9.1 Do you believe that the facilities the City has provided in the past in this area have been adequate or inadequate?

1. Adequate
2. Inadequate

9.2 And do you think funding in this area should be...**Read**

1. Increased
2. Decreased; or
3. Stay about the same

10. Please rate the importance to you of each of the following specific projects on a scale of one to ten, where one means not at all important and ten means extremely important. Starting with...**Randomize**

- a. Maintenance and improvement of infrastructure like street pavement, traffic control and water and sewer systems.
- b. Maintenance of pedestrian facilities including sidewalks and pedestrian traffic lights.
- c. Construction of new pedestrian and bicycle Greenways and expansion of the City's sidewalk and bicycle network.
- d. Traffic flow and safety improvements such as left turn bays, traffic diverters, traffic signals and lighting.
- e. Maintenance and improvement to City-owned facilities such as theatres, firehalls, community centres and libraries.
- f. Maintenance and improvement of non-City-owned facilities such as cultural, community and daycare facilities.
- g. Upgrading and construction of additional community centres and recreation facilities.
- h. Downtown Eastside revitalization initiatives to improve social and economic conditions such as housing and job opportunities and improve law enforcement.
- i. Upgrading and building new social service and childcare facilities.
- j. Acquiring new park space for neighbourhoods that lack parks.

- k. New library branches, including the highest priority branch in the Downtown Eastside/ Strathcona area.
 - l. Support for affordable housing
11. Are there any other major projects that I have not mentioned that you consider important priorities to be included in the Capital Plan?

96. Other (specify)
97. No/none

- 12a. City Council has established maintenance of existing infrastructure and facilities as the highest priority for capital expenditures, and new services and facilities as a lower priority. Recent Capital Plans have allocated approximately 75% of their funding to maintenance and 25% to new services and facilities.

Overall, do you generally support or oppose this policy for the Capital ?
Probe: And do you [insert support /oppose] this plan strongly or moderately?

- 1. Strongly Support
- 2. Moderately Support
- 3. Moderately Oppose
- 4. Strongly Oppose
- 5. Don't Know

- 12b. **IF OPPOSE:** How do you think the money should be allocated?

_____ % for maintaining existing infrastructure
_____ % for new services and facilities

13. VANOC, the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee will contribute money toward building new civic facilities, or replacing some worn out facilities if the City can come up with the other half of the money.

For a City investment of \$35 million, citizens could have three new ice rinks, a major indoor pool, a community centre, a branch library and a curling club. It would mean a 1.25 per cent tax increase over the course of the 3-year plan, which would be offset in future capital plans.

If this opportunity to share replacement costs with VANOC is not taken, the City will have to pick up the full costs for these facilities in the future. By paying for these now, the City can save money and enable citizens to use the renewed facilities sooner.

Do you support or oppose borrowing 35 million dollars in the Capital Plan to take advantage of similar funding provided by VANOC to replace aging facilities?

PROBE: And do you [insert support or oppose] this proposal strongly or moderately?

14. Council has requested input from the public on the inclusion of two additional projects in the Capital Plan that are not currently funded. If both of these projects are to be included, Council will have the choice of increasing property taxes by approximately 0.5% over the term of the Capital Plan, or of excluding other projects from the Plan.
ROTATE ORDER OF a AND b

14ai. The Park Board is planning the replacement of Mt Pleasant Community Centre at 16th and Ontario with a major new centre at Kingsway and Main Street. However, the new centre will not include replacement of the outdoor pool at the current location. Instead, the Park Board plans to include a new indoor/outdoor facility approximately one mile south at Hillcrest Park.

Would you support the replacement of Mt Pleasant Pool at the current location at a cost of approximately \$4.0 million? PROBE: And would you [insert support or oppose] this project strongly or moderately?

- 1 Strongly Support
2. Moderately Support
3. Moderately Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose

aii. **IF SUPPORT:** To fund this project would you prefer property taxes to increase or that Council eliminate other projects from the plan to accommodate it?

bi. The Library has plans to construct a new branch library in the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona neighbourhood. The 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan includes funding to purchase property for the branch and begin design work. Construction funding of \$10.5 million was to be provided in a subsequent Capital Plan.

Would you support the inclusion of construction funding in this plan at a cost of approximately \$10.5 million? PROBE: And would you [insert support or oppose] this project strongly or moderately?

- 1 Strongly Support
2. Moderately Support
3. Moderately Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose

bii. **IF SUPPORT:** To fund this project would you prefer property taxes to increase or that Council eliminate other projects from the plan to accommodate it?

III. DEMOGRAPHICS/BASIC DATA

And finally I have some questions for classification purposes only.

15. Do you plan to vote in the City election this November on the Capital Plan requests for borrowing?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

16. And did you vote in the last municipal election in November 2002?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Didn't live here then/Was not eligible

17. Into which of the following categories may I place you? **Read list**

- 1. 18 to 24 years
- 2. 25 to 34 years
- 3. 35 to 44 years
- 4. 45 to 54 years
- 5. 55 to 64 years
- 6. 65 or older

DNR 7. Refused

18. Do you have children under 18 years of age living in your household?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

19. How many years have you been a resident of the City of Vancouver?

Code Absolute _____

20. In what type of dwelling do you live? **READ**

- 1. Single, detached house
- 2. Duplex or townhouse
- 3. Apartment or condo
- 4. Other (specify) _____

DNR 5. Refused

21. Are you the person responsible for paying the property taxes or the rent in your household?

- 1. YES - Pay property taxes
- 2. YES - Pay rent
- 3. No

22. While we are all Canadians, our ancestors come from many different ethnic backgrounds. What is the main ethnic background of your ancestors?
(PROBE: ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

1. African
2. American
3. Asian - Other (e.g., Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand)
4. Australia
5. British (English/Scottish/Welsh/Irish)
6. Canadian
7. Chinese (Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, or other)
8. Dutch
9. East Indian (Punjabi, India, Tamil, Guyana, Pakistani, or other)
10. East European (Ukrainian, Polish, Hungarian, Serb, or other)
11. French
12. German
13. Greek
14. Italian
15. Japanese
16. Korean
17. Latin American (Guatamala, Nicaragua, Mexican, or other)
18. Native Indian (Aboriginal or name of Band)
19. Filipino
20. South American (Brazilian, Peruvian, Columbian, Ecuador, or other)
21. Spanish
22. Vietnamese
- 96 Other (specify) _____

23. And, finally, which of the following categories best describes your total household income before taxes? **READ**

1. Less than \$25,000
2. \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
3. \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
4. \$75,000 or more

Those are all the questions I have. Thanks you very much for your time.

In case my supervisor wishes to verify that I did in fact complete this survey with you, could I please have your first name only?

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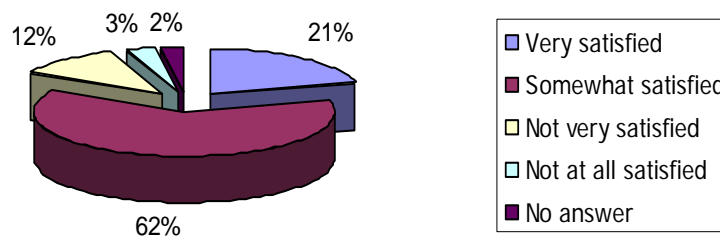
Note:

When reviewing the results of the Capital Plan questionnaire, it is important to keep in mind that the questionnaire is self-selecting. This means that the results are not statistically reliable and reflect only the opinions of those who choose to complete the questionnaire. Further, the ability to submit multiple responses from individuals may also distort results.

1. How satisfied are you with the services and facilities the City of Vancouver provides?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	Percent	Mustel
Very satisfied	77	21%	28%
Somewhat satisfied	231	62%	55%
Not very satisfied	43	12%	11%
Not at all satisfied	12	3%	3%
No Answer	9	2%	3%

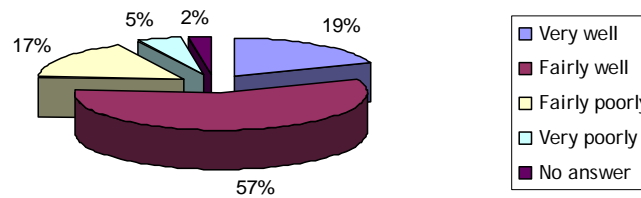
Satisfaction With City Services and Facilities



2. About half your property tax bill goes to pay for City services. The rest goes to the GVRD and the provincial government to support education. How well do you believe the services you receive from the City represent good value for the tax dollars spent?

N = 372		
	#	Percent
Very well	71	19%
Fairly well	211	57%
Fairly poorly	62	17%
Very poorly	19	5%
No Answer	9	2%

How Well Do Services Represent Value for Tax Dollars Spent?

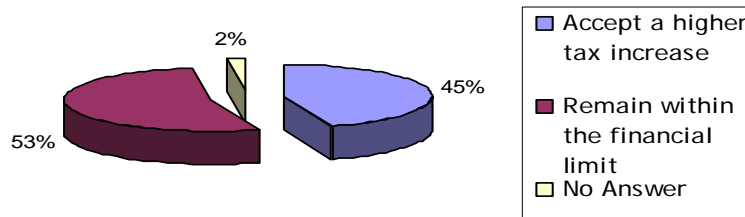


3. Council has established a limit for the Capital Plan of \$355.9 million. This amount was based on an assessment of what the City can afford without unduly impacting property taxes. As noted, the proposed Capital Plan will result in a tax increase of approximately 3.2% over the three years of the plan.

Council will be faced with difficult choices in finalizing the plan. If high priority projects need to be included, would you be more inclined to?

	#	Percent
Accept a higher tax increase to accommodate these projects	166	45%
Want Council to remain within the financial limit by removing lower priority projects from the Capital Plan	199	53%
No Answer	7	2%

How Would You Prefer Council Include Other High Priority Projects

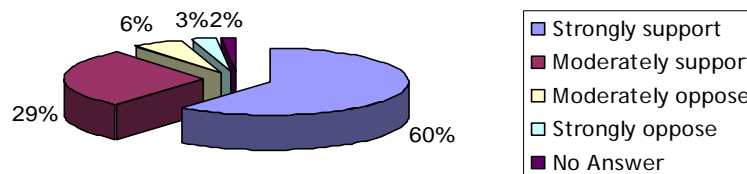


4. City Council has established maintenance of existing infrastructure and facilities as the highest priority for capital expenditures and new services and facilities as a lower priority. Recent Capital Plans have allocated over 75% of their funding to maintenance.

Do you support the policy that the highest priority should be for maintenance and renewal of existing infrastructure and facilities before providing for new or expanded facilities?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	Percent	Mustel %
Strongly support	226	60%	21%
Moderately support	107	29%	59%
Moderately oppose	22	6%	10%
Strongly oppose	11	3%	2%
No Answer	6	1%	8%

Support For Current Allocation of Funds to Maintenance of Existing Infrastructure and Facilities



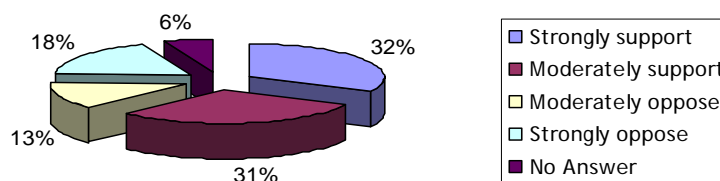
6. The Capital Plan will invest in a mix of projects to maintain and upgrade existing facilities and to build new ones. What kind of projects do you feel are important priorities for the City? Rate the following categories on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the most important)

	Average Rank	
	N = 372 Questionnaire	N = 636 Mustel
Maintenance and improvement of the major public works infrastructure like street pavement, sidewalks, traffic control and water and sewer systems.	7.86	7.45
Completion of the network of bicycle routes.	5.27	
Maintenance of pedestrian facilities including the City's residential and commercial sidewalks and pedestrian traffic lights.	6.80	7.11
Construction of new pedestrian and bicycle oriented Greenways and expansion of the City's residential and commercial sidewalk network.	5.75	6.50
Safety and traffic flow improvements to streets such as left-turn bays, traffic diverters, traffic signals and lighting.	6.69	7.42
Maintenance and improvement to City-owned facilities such as theatres, fire halls, community centres and libraries.	6.82	6.81
Maintenance and improvements to non-City-owned facilities such as cultural, community and day care facilities.	4.95	6.02
Maintenance and improvement of parks, playing fields, playgrounds and recreation facilities.	6.28	6.31
Downtown Eastside revitalization initiatives to improve social and economic conditions such as housing and job opportunities and improve law enforcement.	6.31	7.89
Upgrading and building new social service and child care facilities.	5.52	6.78
Acquiring new park space for neighbourhoods that lack parks.	5.07	6.62
A new library branch in the DTES/Strathcona area and the replacement of aging existing libraries.	4.94	6.26
Support for affordable housing.	5.87	7.32

7. Do you support the initiative to advance the replacement of Percy Norman Pool and Killarney and Trout Lake Ice Rinks by increasing the expenditures in the Capital Plan by \$35 million to take advantage of similar funding being provided by the 2010 Olympics?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	%	Mustel %
Strongly support	120	32%	26%
Moderately support	114	31%	35%
Moderately oppose	48	13%	17%
Strongly oppose	68	18%	15%
No Answer	22	6%	7%

Support for Additional Borrowing to Capitalize on VANOC Funding



8. Is there one area where you think the City should be spending more for capital projects?

Limited Distribution

9. Do you have any other thoughts on the proposed Capital Plan?

Limited Distribution

10. Where do you live?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	Percent	Mustel
Downtown/West End	44	12%	19%
North of 16 th Avenue, West of Main Street	84	23%	19%
North of 16 th Avenue, East of Main Street	51	14%	20%
South of 16 th Avenue, West of Main Street	108	29%	22%
South of 16 th Avenue, East of Main Street	60	16%	21%
Outside Vancouver	11	3%	n/a
No Answer	14	4%	n/a

11. Do you rent or own?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	Percent	Mustel
Rent	76	20%	41%
Own	276	74%	52%
No Answer or Other	20	5%	6%

12. How long have you lived in Vancouver?

	N = 372	
	#	Percent
5 years or less	28	8%
6 to 10 years	38	10%
11 years or more	288	77%
No Answer	18	5%

13. How old are you?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	Percent	Mustel
18 to 34	50	13%	35%
34 to 54	146	39%	39%
55 or older	160	43%	25%
No Answer	16	4%	

14. Do you plan on voting in the November 19th civic election?

	N = 372		N = 636
	#	Percent	Mustel
Yes	345	93%	79%
No	6	2%	15%
Not eligible	9	2%	n/a
No Answer /Don't know	12	3%	7%

Question 8. Is there one area where you think the City should be spending more for capital projects?
I am a daily user of transit along the busy West Georgia Street corridor and I would be in support of a 24 hour bus/HOV lane on both sides of the street all the way from Beatty Street(100 block) to West Georgia's ending at Stanley Park. If transit
0% for bicycle lanes on Burrard Bridge
1. Libraries. 2. Educating police, judges, schools, etc. that cannabis is not a drug and millions of dollars are wasted yearly.
"1. Rebuild Mount Pleasant Pool.
2. Continue to provide existing services that people want rather than cutting services to cover costs of other projects. "
1. Street cleaning. 2. Traffic light on Knight South at 63rd to cut accident rate where 5 lanes merge at bridge approach. Simple solution!
A more careful look at where you put ped. Operated lights eg. Arbutus from Broadway to 12th has 1 every block - ties up traffic going N. and S. all day
Add more litter containers to bus stops (& have regular emptying) to increase the chances that people will refrain from littering streets.
Affordable housing
affordable housing
Affordable housing - especially for seniors with very little imposed disposable income.They should be able to live at worry free in their senior years.
Affordable housing -- spread out throughout the city, including the West Side -- not concentrated within a DTES ghetto. And preferably including some co-operative housing, which is an excellent model.
Affordable Housing and Downtown Eastside Support Services
Affordable housing for families and seniors
Air Quality is the HIGHEST priority. All new developments MUST have CLEAN power - public and private. Ban foreign ownership of residential properties. License cyclists - mandatory training.
Allocate extra funds to include Renfrew pool changeroom renovation and seismic upgrade
Alternative Energies
Alternative transportation
anywhere but downtown eastside. ITS NOT WORK YOU STUPID NOOBS!!! Stop spending money there!!! 4 piller sucks and I don't want my tax dollars being spent on druggies. I'm thinking of moving to Burnaby because city council is run by a bunch of silly en
as above, the downtown eastside needs to be seriously considered for additional attention and spending from the city, and affordable housing in GVRD is vital to our city and communities.
athletic / recreation faciliites: e.g. playing fields, community centres, swimming pools, ice rinks, tracks
Badly decayed residential streets.
Bike connectivity
Broadway Corridor, from Cambie Street to Boundary Road.
Building dedicated cycle lanes on Burrard Bridge without reducing space available to motor vehicles
Capital dollars should be equally distributed according to need for maintenance, upgrading and new projects and should serve the widest population's needs as well as the more needy. The

Question 8. Is there one area where you think the City should be spending more for capital projects?
distribution should not be politicized. (I'll excuse you while y
Capital should be spent in all areas but particulary low income neighborhoods
Child care facilities. As a parent of a young child, the need for accessible child care spaces (from infant daycare through out of school care programs) is paramount. Child care spaces/facilities are both a provincial and federal mandate that must be
Civic theatres - the deterioration of the Queen ELizabeth Theatre is a blemish on beautiful city of Vancouver.
Clean up of the Toilet Bowl otherwise known as East False Creek.....
Cleaner streets and improved functionality and appearance of Downtown/ West End back lanes.
Cleaning & sweeping streets & alleys. Vacant property (it's a disgrace). Use money saved on the new one-man garbage collection to buy more equipment.
Cleaning up the streets in the downtown eastside. There must be a plan to make this area better. It is an embarrassment to the city and such a sad state.
Community Centre Renewal
"Community Police facilities
Garbage collection and Incineration"
community services and parks and recreation
community services, recreation & parks
co-operative and social housing
Creating activity centres (e.g., skate-boarding) that are directed at youth
"-Cultural centres -east of commercial/main
-Making existing facilities/public spaces accessible for disabled and safe for children and properly maintained before building new facilities
-support to existing multi -purpose neighbourhood based centr"
cycling routes/traffic calming
Dense strong motion seismometer network
disabled access
Do something about the crime and pushy panhandlers.
Do the Olympic right make the world proud of Vancouver
Downtown Eastside
DTE/Strathcona, starting with fast-tracking a branch library. Open it in one of the empty storefronts while waiting for a location, plans, etc., if necessary.
DTES
Earthquake upgrading of public buildings.
emphasis on supporting people to use their cars less.
Energy improvements (energy efficiency improvements/retrofitting of buildings).
English Bay facilities. They are old and tired and in dire need of replacement.
enhancing non-vehicular transportation
Environmental, pollution control
extensive rapid transit

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"facilitating bike transportation,
""greening"" existing city and non-city-owned buildings, facilitating urban agriculture e.g. community edible gardens"
Family-oriented facilities eg. Pools, community centres, ice rinks, etc.
fed up with taxes.
finish the work at Renfrew and make it seismically safe throughout the facility, not just the pool.
Fixing the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. It is critical not just for the Opera Ballet and other performing arts groups but if its going to be our showcase, it needs fixing up drastically - we need to get a move on with the plan to improve it.
Funding for libraries and community centres should be a high priority for the City.
Garbage cans at bus stops (crow proof)
Garbage cleanup in neighborhoods(near 29th skytrain station especially)Maybe get people in halfway houses to regularly help beautify our neighborhood- I do it myself on occasion..
Gay/Lesbian community centre; cleanliness of streets/lanes, particularly Davie & Bute
Granville mall - let traffic on Granville Street on weekend nights
green building design to reduce eneergy use
Greenways. Bike routes... especially from Vancouver to Richmond (and within Richmond).
Hastings East
Homelessness
homelessness
I am a strong supporter of the arts and feel that the renovation of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre/Playhouse Theatre should be a priority
I am very sorry that city planners and politicians were never taught the basic childhood lesson that you clean up after your own mess, and so refuse to plan for proper sewage treatment facilities. This is a disgrace!
I believe all Canadians s/b treated equally: thus I'm totally against funding separate so-called "Cultural facilities & functions". Let each support their own as they so choose.
I feel it's important to replace Mt. Pleasant Pool.
I feel that the city should be prioritizing its cultural venues, large and small. And prioritizing making events at those venues accessible and affordable through targeted granting. There is a strong need for a smaller - Playhouse size concert venu
I support spending \$4 million for Mt. Pleasant Pool.
I think any developments on City land - especially Park land should be green buildings. I think the restaurant development on Kits Beach was a real missed opportunity. Where's the permeable paving? Where's the green roof? If we are going to build on
I THINK IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO PUT THE CIVIC THEATRES, SPECIFICALLY THE RENOVATION OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH THEATRE, NEAR THE TOP, IF NOT AT THE TOP, OF YOUR PRIORITY LIST. IT IS SHAMEFUL THE WAY THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN HANDLED THUS FAR.
I think retaining and upgrading Mount Pleasant Pool is consistent with council's stated "highest priority for capital expenditures" of maintaining existing infrastructure and facilities.
I think the building of a new branch library in the DTES/Strathcona area is a priority item at the present time. Much funding has gone into DTES for various social, medical and policing

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expenses and that is good, but there is a major lack of READING
I think the City should listen to the public process supporting rebuilding Mount Pleasant outdoor pool - all the neighbourhood wants accessible, affordable outdoor recreation in the summer - not everyone can afford or access other , far away outdoor
I think the priority should 'where to save / reallocate funds for CPs. Fire the city food councillor and mosquito inspector. Decrease Judy Roger's salary by 50%. sell off some city owned real estate and / or use it for parks. DTES is not using al
I think we should have smaller neighbourhood parks for each community, some communities have a large green space and I sometime wonder if that is good management where sometime smaller is better for each neighbourhood, I think of Duff Park it is small
I think you are doing a fine job of organizing priorities.
I want the City to spend 4 million to keep Mt. Pleasant Pool. It served its purpose to all the people in the area.
I would like to see more money go to safe, affordable housing for those in need.
Igniting interest in re-developing Hastings St between Richards and Gore.
I'm wondering why it is taking so long to make the long promised upgrades to the QE Theatre. Seems the "facility fee" taken form every seat sold throughout the years could of paid for these changes by now.
Implement immediately the planned renovations to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.
Improve law enforcement. This in itself cleans up city streets and neighbourhoods.
Improve lighting on bike routes especially in Shaughnessy on the Angus and 37th Avenue bike routes. The street lights in Shaughnessy do not cast enough light to illuminate any potholes in the pavement. Bike lights are not aimed at the pavement.
improvement of wheelchair accessibility in all area - curb cuts (many existing ones are unsafe due to position), timing on lights, etc. as well as building modifications. Power doors and ramps on all public buildings.
Improvements in other emerging neighbourhoods- e.g. along Kingsway, along Broadway East.
Increase the funding for residential street upgrades, not just the major bus routes etc.
Increasing the number of left turn bays and creating dedicated left-turn lights at busy intersections. Improving community facilities we already have instead of knocking them down and building new ones all the time.
Installing more traffic circles on cycle routes at semi-industrial areas.
invest in sustainability projects with payback expectations, ie reduce energy use
Keep Mount Pleasant Pool open
Keep Mt. Pleasant Pool open
Keep the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool
Law enforcement
law enforcement - increase number of police officers to re-introduce police foot patrols.
Law Enforcement i.e.: Traffic Laws
left turn bays and similar traffic flow improvements (and safety improvements) from Q 9 3. No more \$ for DTES to expedite a new library - shift initial funding if it is a priority; Downtown streets (esp. Granville) & sidewalks need major fix.
Left turn bays, traffic signals, lighting

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Legalize housing options such as in-law suites. Any way of increasing affordable housing. Support for churches and comm'ty org.which demonstrate n'hood connections. Support for natural health programs in existing facilities. Eg. Massage for srs.
Libraries and community centres and their attendant programming. The multicultural children's program sponsored by Van Public Library is a wonderful initiative.
Library system, updating existing facilities like Percy Norman, improved public transit, more bike paths and greenways
Local park facilities have been seriously underfunded for many years. These local park facilities are not replaceable by mega-projects like the Hillcrest/Percy Norman facilities.
longer library hours, improve commercial vehicle access, removable cover for Kits pool for all year use, street and lane trash clean up.
Low income housing
Main road improvement
Maintain Mt. Pleasant Pool
Maintain the cleanliness and conditions of every street, clean the street more often and do more repair on these streets.
"maintenance and expansion of outdoor
neighborhood pools"
Maintaining and expanding Mt. Pleasant Pool
Maintaining theatres
maintenance of major infrastructure
Maintenance & development of outdoor spaces - especially Mt. Pleasant Pool
Maintenance & expansion of outdoor pools.
"Maintenance and continued operation of the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool.
Increased cultural and recreational facilities and housing within the Downtown Eastside"
maintenance and expansion of outdoor neighbourhood pools
Maintenance and expansion of outdoor pools
Maintenance and improvement of public performance spaces.
maintenance of neighbourhood pools
Metered water usage, environmentally friendly sewage treatment & garbage disposal
More enforcement in park areas designated as off leash during posted off/on leash times.
more funding to the arts, more funding for affordable housing
More housing for senior citizens - nursing homes, retirement homes.
"more park space;
more traffic calming;
explore/pilot ""usable commons"" in little pockets of land (3 or 4 city lots) in each neighbourhood - that would allow each neighbourhood some control over the space (garden plots, little structures, even market"
More parks with walks, trees, etc. for quieter recreation, bird watching, etc. e.g. on 37th opposite Van Dusen or Oak Street
More social programs to help homeless.
mount pleasant

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Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool and after school care of Simon Fraser El.
Mount Pleasant Outdoor pool. Percy Norman cannot take the place of an outdoor facility that is truly a community space. The community and public have demonstrated how important that facility is in that community and to close it down would be a crim
Mount Pleasant Pool - maintenance and repair. We don't want an destination pool at Riley Park that is too expensive to use.
Mt. Pleasant Pool!!
My top priority right now is the renewal of Mount Pleasant Pool.
Myself and my family want to see the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool remain open!
No
no
no
No!
None. Our property taxes are too high already.
Our city needs more bridges, better traffic.
Outdoor parks and pools, maintenance on recreation facilities
Outdoor pools. Maintenance
Parking signs in residential areas to enforce city by-law. Stop all day parking in residential area by non-residents.
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parks & recreation
Parks and rec facilities
Parks and swimming pools - keep kids busy and active!
Playing fields long neglected, too few for increased popularity of soccer and girls growth in soccer.
Please complete the upgrade to the Renfrew Community Centre. This community really needs a useable and inviting community centre. Renfrew/Collingwood is not on the radar as a nice place to live in Vancouver and the City needs to find ways to increa
"Please consider rebuilding the outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant It is a lovely family oriented area and is well used.
Please consider rebuilding the outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant It is a lovely family oriented area and is well used. Thank you"
Police -improve personal safety plus allocate more resources to prevent & followup on car & property thefts. Provide more free parking for guests in residential areas (rather than giving a ticket for parking 6 inches too close to a corner when it is
Policing traffic violators and issuing fines.
Preserving green space (Parks!) by not putting parking at street level. Either underground or in a parkade. Street level usage (facilities, parks, retail whatever...) should be preserved for people, not cars.
Prisons
Public Safety

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Public safety including emergency preparedness re: terrorism and earthquakes.
Public Safety/Law Enforcement
public transit especially for disabled
public transit with emphasis on the disabled
public transport
public washrooms
Purchase or retain land for parks and green belts in densely populated areas so we don't go crazy from overcrowding. I don't like all our vacant areas (including city parking lots) turning into 30-35 storey condos. We need room to breathe!
QE Theatre: This place is outdated and needs a major face lift in light of the Cultural Olympiad. It will be in the spot light and should be able to shine.
QET renovation badly required, for local users and 2010 events. Interior is shabby, worn. Technology needs upgrading - ie Surtitles.
Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Recreation centres (community centres). Some of our community centres, pools, rinks, etc are in dire need of upgrading.
Recreation that stays in neighbourhoods
Renfrew Community Centre
renovation of civic theatres - QET and other similar facilities
Renovation of QET!
Renovation of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.
Renovation of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. This has been on the table for eons and progress seems to be incredibly slow. As the most prominent arts venue in the city it should receive the attention it deserves.
Retain the Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool! Funding for this should be included in the 2006-08 capital plan! There is already grass around the community center. The pool is what is needed to occupy the kids, not just a boring expanse of grass.
Road and sidewalk repair/maintenance/construction
Road improvement on back lanes.
Road improvement, installation of kerbs, pot-hole repair and boulevard maintenance. Child day care.
Roads and Traffic
Roads, bridges, tunnels, freeways
Safety & Traffic Flow Improvements are absolutely essential but for cars, not bicycles.
Save Mt. Pleasant CC. The neighbourhood planners have NO idea about what it means to relocate to Kingsway. Would you cross Main St. B'way & Kingsway w/ a 2 yr. old? Do they have any idea what MPCC means to the working poor in the neighbourhood?
Save Mt. Pleasant Pool
Saving/Reallocating. Cut Judy Rogers wages by 50% - sell off some city assets (real estate) - fire food councillor & mosquito inspec.
Secondary and tertiary sewage treatment - Iona.
Seismic upgrades in the existing community centres.

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sewage treatment
sewage treatment
Sewer systems, water systems.
Small point, but DON'T plant more trees unless you can look after them - water, spray, prune; More importantly do the same for existing trees.
Spend less on the DTES. It is a black hole.
Spend money to rehabilitate the Mount Pleasant outdoor swimming pool and leave or construct a daycare facility at that site.
"Spend more money on rapid transit
(skytrain expansion to UBC)
Widen roads to reduce traffic congestions"
Stop wasting money on private COPE agenda.
Strathcona/DTES, which receives a lot of social and remedial spending because it serves as a ghetto for problems other neighbourhoods, which get more capital projects, do not have to cope with. For example, it's striking that the majority of ordinary
Street design, pedestrian enhancements
street maintenance
Streets
Streets are so torn up. It would be nice for the downtown to have less construction.
"strongly support project that would
improve, expand and strengthen law
re-inforcements and police patrol."
Strongly support retention of existing Mt. Pleasant Pool
support existing neighbourhood swimming pools
Sustainable transportation - cycling and peds.
Swimming pool
Swimming pool: incorporate one into the new facility at 1 kingsway
The \$35M for No. 7 should come from the Capital Plan of \$355.9 million.
the above mix is good and a balanced distribution of funds should be maintained
The city could greatly improve traffic flow using the following as an example. Heading west on 4th Ave. at Arbutus. Put in left turn lanes. Remove 2-3 pay parking spaces at curb lane so you always have 2 lanes heading west. North Vancouver does this
The City needs to focus on more community-oriented sites (i.e. centres etc) and not on destination facilities for the whole city. Each region of Vancouver is unique and enjoys its own particular beauty. Don't ruin it!
The new DTES Strathcona Library
The Queen Elizabeth Theatre is very out of date and the experience of attending a performance there could be greatly improved with updating of washrooms, seating and flooring in the lobby areas. New seating and flooring in the auditorium would great
There is more garbage around. The city looks dirtier. Do away with all the new free newspapers.
To Improve the quality of the city, you need to provide treatment centres for drug addicts,

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help for people with mental illness and housing to homeless. It is no use providing walkways through the Eastside and China town until this is done.
Traffic management and flow. We don't need traffic calming, we need traffic movement. Allow access to the downtown for vehicles and public transit. Do not choke off the entertainment district with too much residential development.
Traffic patterns - getting in and out of the city without going through neighbourhoods. An overpass is needed to alleviate traffic. More left turn lanes to assist the flow of traffic.
Traffic Safety
Traffic/pedestrian safety initiatives
transport other than cars
transportation
Transportation - buses & rapid transit
Transportation improvments
transportation infrastructure and streetcar network
transportation infrastructure, esp. the downtown streetcar network
"Updating very well used Mount Pleasant Swimming Pool - keep it outdoors - kids love it.
Bike Route Safety and Promotion.
Support Little Mtn. Baseball"
Upgrade of civic theatres
VERY low priority to ice skating and curling facilities. Keep or replace the Mount Pleasant Pool! & cover it for year round use. You did this for Kerrisdale - do it for Mt. Pleasant!
water meters on houses, better sewage treatment, transit options
waterfront walkways with greenspace, cafes w/ patios and good atmosphere.
We do not have a proper pool in Vancouver to host any events. Lack of pool space is huge - we need more pools for the amount of people in Vancouver
We need more sidewalk ramps for disabled & wheelchair bound everywhere. Also do all 4 corners at an intersection, not just 2 & don't force the pedestrian or wheelchair into the traffic flow in order to use the ramp. Most ramps need to be much wider.
We want to save Mount Pleasant Pool. This is an integral part of the Mount Pleasant community.
When upgrading swimming pools like Killarney. The City should build facilities like the Canada Games Pool in New Westminster.
Won't respond here because does "one area" refer to geographic location OR project of interest?
Woodwards building not mentioned; Sidewalks in West end will need upgrading
World is coming to Vancouver. Make us proud to be Canadians. Do the Olympic projects well!!!!
Yes, Mount Pleasant Pool. Extremely important to Mount Pleasant area. Provides so much joy and exercise to the families of Mount Pleasant.
Yes. A system needs to be developed to move traffic within (across) the city. Not everyone can take a bus or bicycle. Mothers with children need to be able to get them to school and activities. Perhaps one-way streets?
You do a fine job.

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"Greening" everything is not the answer. Give people something to do & keep fit & active. A lot of parents in this neighbourhood don't have the money for transportation to get kids to Riley Pool (or the time needed)!
1. Put the pedestrians and bicycles on widened sidewalks on the Burrard Bridge so we can keep 6 lanes for trucks, buses and cars. 2. Don't cave to lobbyists who want to keep the little Mt. Pleasant pool. Go with the plans already made. ...more see Q8
1. Rebuild Mount Pleasant Pool. 2. Aging infrastructures are named as priorities but select projects such as Mount Pleasant Pool are not being prioritized, but instead are being selectively eliminated against public will. 3. We should focus on r
1. The litter on Vancouver streets is awful and increasing. Either the City needs to hire more street cleaners or ensure that businesses and home owners clean up. 2. The proliferation of free newspaper boxes is an eye-sore. It's bad enough that they
A new pool for Mt. Pleasant!
Additional funds should come from breaches of city by-laws i.e. noise, animal waste fines should be punitive.
Additional funds should come from increased by-law enforcement i.e., noise, animal waste fines should be substantial.
All capital projects 12 million dollars and over should be put on the ballot separatly so voters can REALLY choose which ones should go ahead.
Apart from my comments in section #8 I think this is a good capital plan.
Attached a letter re wanting Mt Pleasant Pool to stay open.
Attached a letter re wanting to maintain Mt Pleasant Pool
Ban smoking and bbqs in and on rental multiple unit residential properties. Ban chemical pesticides, insecticides & herbicides. Ban fireplace use. Ban diesel use - it stinks. Vancouver is unliveable. It stinks!
Businesses should be exempt from cost of capital plan because they pay 4x the tax of residential and they have no vote.
Can we sustain ourselves, I wonder.
consider water meter installation to get paid for use by all
Continuation of the Downtown East Side is essential and needs longterm capital funding and operating budgets for support services
Council is good at spending money but poor at saving.
Current plan has made other neighbourhoods less liveable; Balance Olympic advantage with long-term liveability.
Do not build more so called traffic calmers in the West side. These are very dangerous for pedestrians and aren't needed.
Do not create another bloated level of bureaucracy.
Do not increqase taxes.
Do not retain the outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park unless it can paid for out of the \$ used for greening. Do not need a \$20 million pool nor \$15 million ice rink replacement just because the olympics is coming to town for 3 weeks. I bet the repl
Don't forget to finish Renfrew Community Centre's poolproject (change rooms)
Don't waste money on cultural & other unnecessary social expenses. Keep the city safe and running is the priority
Eliminate Cars other than local Traffic in Downtown/Westend by 2010 -combined with 10 min Streetcar service on every forth block
Eliminate optional projects and reduce property taxes.
excessive lighting does not make us safer - in fact it turns people away except junkies who need to see their veins - How about a "Vancouver sees the stars again" campaign.
Fewer police and security people. They accomplish so little for such a price. Security people

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are useless and have never been helpful.
Get a subway system like any other major progressive city!
How about a capital plan that results in decreased ppty tax? Or no increase except the inevitable as property values increase each year. Us old folks need a break!!
I already submitted a complete survey however, I anted to add comment/request: that the RENFREW POOL should be added into the Captial pan, it is part of an important community centre - well used
I am disturbed that the Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool is to be lost, when a relatively small expendature could insure its survival of the closing of the Mt. Pleasant community centre.
I am extremely dissapointed in the withdrawal of funding for the Renfrew Commuunity Centre in the Capital Plan.
I am pleased that this input is being considered, as Capital projects are integral to the legacy of a city, and as noted by the debate and enjoyment of the library for example, capital projects can be an immense community builder.
I am still agianst all the money spent on Olympics and all the casino stuff.
"I do not agree with the plan to eliminate traffic lanes on the Burrard Bridge. Traffic is difficult enough in downtown now without eliminating lanes.
If we have to have bicycle routes steps should be taken to remove bicycle traffic on major traff"
I do not think that the Mt. Pleasant Pool should be destroyed. It is a jewel within our neighbourhood and the only outdoor pool left around without a significant drive. Plus it is really used and cherished. Do not destroy it.
I do not want to see Mount Pleasant Pool torn down. I am in favour of spending more money in the Capital Plan to maintain it or to replace it. It is the only outdoor pool not west of Cambie or in Stanly Park. My family uses the pool 3-4 times a we
I don't think I'll be voting in favor of the Capital Plan because my city taxes have been increasing too fast over the past decade (more than inflation) and I don't feel we get good value for our taxes.
I fully support the inclusion of \$3,000,000 for the renewal of facilities at VanDusen Garden.
I have a mother in a wheelchair and I am continually appalled at the condition of the sidewalks in her South Granville area and the lack of wheelchair accessible sidewalks along Burrard Street between 16th and 12th Avenue.
I have not seen exactly what is in it, but I strongly support improvements to the cycling/pedestrian infrastructure. I am not in favour of spending millions to expand the sidewalks on Burrard Bridge. Closing two lanes to vehicle traffic is a much b
I live on the Univ. End'ent Lnds & essentially in Vanr. I use most of Van.'s services & strongly support maintaining & improving public works infrastructure in all areas of the City.While DTES needs work, problems are not all solved by \$.
I strongly support the development of a new animal shelter.
I think that the Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool should be kept.
I wish, wherever possible, that crews making ramps at street corners would leave slabs that give the date the sidewalk was built. Some in my neighbourhood were built in 1912, 1926. That's of historical interest.
I would like to see dedicated cycle lanes that are not shared with vehicle traffic.
I would like to see the mount pleasant pool kept. the amount of green land obtained is negligible. It costs a lot of money to remove the pool. the outside pool to be built at Hillcrest is a wading pool.As an arthritic senior who walks tothe pool and
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If maintaining existing infrastructure is a priority then why does that not extend to the maintenance of the city's outdoor pools. The outdoor pools in neighbourhoods are critical for

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the health and well being of the residents. Providing outdoor poo
If pedestrians, cyclists and public transportation are the first priority of this City let's have funding priorities that prove they are indeed first.
If you can't afford the roof over your head nothing else matters. Even the homeless have a right to safe streets. Thank-you.
I'm not sure what else is in the budget for outdoor art or whether that falls in within the capital budget but I think it would be great for tourism and locals alike to have a real focus on this (like Portland Oregon and a number of European cities).
In general, maintenance should be paid for from the City's operating budgets rather than the capital plan
Include Mt. Pleasant Pool
Include Renfrew Community Center in the Capital Plan.
Increase the number of police officers. I am sure if you check the information the crime rate in south False Creek has increased significantly, especially B & E's.
Instead of borrowing \$ each year for projects - in the past wasn't there funding set aside for investment & interest used for needed projects?
Integrate schools, community centres and libraries into a single centre for each neighbourhood. With evolving wireless internet access, there is less need for a physical library (any plans to have a citywide WiMax network for 2007/8?). With aging p
It seems peculiar to talk about setting priorities on maintence vs expansion when it is is the rrlatice cost-benefits that should be the key
It's a shame that reading isn't an Olympic event, because I hate having to witter on about needing a branch library when everything else on the list is also so important. But I'm fed up with having to remember to switch my book holds in advance of t
Keep City "borrowing" to a minimum. Pay as you go - not deficit financing.
"Keep Mount Pleasant outdoor swimming pool open
Build a pool or water slide park at PNE grounds or a pool like the one in MapleGrove Park on the West Side"
Keep Mount Pleasant pool! It is a tremendous asset to the Mount Pleasant community.
Keep Mt. Pleasant Pool
"Keep property tax increases below rate of inflation.
Keep the Burrard Street bridge as is!!! Stop playing with the traffic."
Keep the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool i.e. re-build if existing pool has reached end of life.
Leave Hillcrest park alone; update existing Percy Norman pool; maintain and upgrade Mount Pleasant pool; drop the idea of a new pool in Hillcrest park
Leave the Burrard Street as is. Do not close vehicle lanes to accomodate bicycles. Walkers and cyclists need to cross single file.
Leave the parks around Nat Bailey stadium alone. Do not reduce the park space there!
less cars, more green areas, more cycling routes
LOOK AFTER THOSE OF US IN THE ARTS. WE DESERVE TO BE HEARD AS WELL.
look forward to renewal of facilities and construction of new facilities ... fully support Capital Plan and Legacy Projects
maintain the Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool at its current location.
Maintain the outdoor pools, preserve or improve facilities for children. Our Olympic dream and legacy is turning into a community nightmare.
Maintani parks without commercializing them with signs, restaurants, advertising everywhere, etc.
Make sure streets are repaved when necessary in a timely manner. Too many areas of the city have streets that need to be repaved that aren't done yet. This is one of the prime mandates of any city isn't it?
minimize money for VPD - maximize programs & facilities that support prevention of social

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problems - a better investment long term.
Minimize the level of bureaucracy. Use private sector and support the community instead of being a corporation for profit.
more bike lanes and more traffic calming in the bike lanes
More consultation between departments to co-ordinate work and shutdown schedules - seems like you dig up a street one week for 1 department, fix & pave then another department comes along the next week (or month) and digs it up again
More spending for local citizens. Have Olympic Committee pay bigger share for their projects.
My beautiful city is dirtier every day, garbage all over the place. People using streets as toilets and total abandonment of driving laws & courtesy.
No curb bulges & speed bumps & diverters; no street & bridge narrowing (pedestrian safety not improved); no parking metering after 6 pm & Sunday & holidays; no roundabouts, stop signs are cheaper and more effective.
No more taxes. Especially transit on property & Hydro
No No new construction; tax reduction should be number 1 priority.
No. Thank you for asking
Nope
Oakridge only major shopping in all of Vanc. Except downtown! We take our money to Metrotwon or Richmond. Walmart would have helped, but some fools blocked a dept. store from happening in SO Vancouver adding to pollution!
"Please add to capital Plan the needed renovations to Renfrew Community Centre.
We have waited too long just to end up with the job half done"
Please allocate an additional \$3 million for rebuilding Mt Pleasant Pool & park
Please allocate an additional \$3 million for rebuilding Mt. Pleasant Pool and park. I am 10 but I love the pool!
please allocate an additional \$3 million for rebuilding Mt. Pleasant Pool and Park.
Please finish needed changes at Renfrew. The work there is incomplete.
Please put \$ into saving Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool.
Please retain the Mt. Pleasant Pool in the area - spend 4 million to keep it for 50 years rather than spend 1 million to get rid of the pool.
Please stop the exaggerated bicycle accomodations!!! Thanks!
Preserve Little Mountain Baseball at Hillcrest Park -- do not build new facilities on park land. It is a historic community program that is a jewel for Vancouver; it's heavy community involvement would be seriously damaged by forcing them to relocat
Preserve the Mt. Pleasant Pool! Pleas maintain the pool and do not build a community-destroying destination pool.
Property taxes in effect are payments for services to property owners provided by civic gov't. Social assistance costs are the responsibility of the provincial & federal governments & should be paid from property tax revenue only as a last resort.
Quit building residences - where will water & sewer needs come from? Need better transport of people - limit no. of cars per family. Make sure we are not left with a debt like Montreal after Olympic games.
Quit giving the VPD extra money without making them accoutable for cost overruns and over budgetting. Stay within the existing budget for captial, don't mortgage our future, previous Council's haven't but I worry about the (debt) legacy that this Co
r
rather than building and adding support and revitalize existing facilities and infrastructure
Re: Tax paid Daycare facilities: I have grave concerns re the repercussions of warehousing children, instead of making sure parents raise them. I think we can see it in our young people now.
Rebuild Mt. Pleasant Pool!

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Recreation should stay in neighbourhoods - keep Mount Pleasant Pool so we don't have to drive to other pools - Kits, New Brighton - its well used & will be for another 50 years - subsidize pools to prevent other problems - delinquency, etc.!
Regarding Mt Pleasant Pool, spend \$4 million to save it for 50 years rather than \$1 million to tear it makes more sense. KEEP our outdoor neighbourhood pools so we don't have to DRIVE!
Replace monster trees. They are causing damage to sidewalks and sewers and a root system that have reached our homes. The cost of repairs must be higher than replacing trees of a sensible variety.
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Save money but not building traffic diverters. They are dangerous.
Save Mt. Pleasant Pool
Save the Mt. Pleasant Pool!
Sent in a letter. Wants a safe, crime free, drug free, street-people free city. The proper levels of government should step up to the plate and re-institute mental institutions to take care of the obvious problems that exist on our street.
spend less on roads, more on alternates; all projects should be LEED certified; cap single occ. Vehicle infrastructure at current levels; keep the Mt. Pleasant Community Centre - why should one area lose a centre so another can get one?
spend money wisely to ensure the future affordability & lower taxes on the home owner
Spending \$35 million in order to take advantage of some limited funding provided by the Olympics seems like wasteful, hurried thinking. It's like saying something is on sale where if you buy three you get one free. So you end up spending money on thr
STOP 2010!!! STOP THE RAV.
Stop wasting money on bicycle routes in particular removing 2 lanes from the Burrard Bridge
Stop wasting money on social housing, and various Downtown Eastside initiatives that are a blackhole. Spent money to make our streets safer, our water cleaner, and our city a more enjoyable spot to live.
Strict laws for drunken driving and less crime rate.
Support for all improvements to the Renfrew community centre which include disabled access and safety for change rooms for children
Taxpayers priority over citizens with self imposed problems.
Thanks you for the opportunity to comment.
The "Destination Pool" planned for Hillcrest is ridiculous. Keep neighbourhood pools as neighbourhood pools - downsize this pool idea, maintain it until after the Olympics and then integrate it with the 110,000 sq.ft Legacy facility, which is so lar
the aquatic centre/olympics spending plan is too much money. How is committing \$35 million in spending when you could spend a fraction to let the Mount Pleasant community keep the pool that they want. You won't allow wal-mart on SE Marine but a city
The City of Vancouver needs to be fiscally responsible with its Capital Planning.
The City's priority in transportation should be to improve facilities for pedestrians, transit riders, and cyclists instead of for automobiles.
The continuing elimination of outdoor pools is unjustified. These are very popular and are already too few and excessively concentrated in the west side. Outdoor pools are not equivalent to indoor pools, any more than outdoor fields are equivalent t
The COPE council has been a great disappointment.
The Hillcrest/Riley Park proposal will increase traffic enormously. Mt. Pleasant outdoor pool should be saved. Many kids are able to walk there.
The plan is not taking enough consideration of our children in low-income homes, which rely on local activities to keep the children busy and out of trouble. With the neighbourhood pools so busy, it is foolhardy to close existing swimming and wading
There should be a limit on funds invested in the Downtown Eastside because it is a bottomless

Question 9 Do you have any other thoughts on the proposed Capital Plan?
pit and at some point has little return for the effort expended.
This questionnaire is deliberately deceptive b/c it ignores the big increases in ppty taxes forced by the obscene RAV privatization. Why not note all the ppty tax increases going to Translink? Big business taxes too low & res. & sm. bus. tax too high
This reads just like the Riley Park survey. You want me to choose between literary & housing? Safe roads & daycare? Parks in the DES & useful bike routes? Screw the Olympics & take care of your constituents.
Too much being spent for drug addicts and professional victims
Using \$ 1 million dollars of my tax money to tear down a facility and provide green space that no one wanted is a travesty. Listen to the real people, the users, the residents, the children who need a place to learn to swim, to play safely, to have ex
Vancouver is already a very livable city. However, there is a lot of room for innovation in the use of parks and traffic flow improvements that if not completed will make it more and more difficult for Vancouver to accommodate the predicted growth of
Vancouver is far behind surrounding districts for lit, all weather fields - please make a higher priority. Kudos re planning & input re capital plan & city plans. Thank you for all your good work.
We in Strathcona are keenly aware that we do not have the luxury even of looking forward to "the replacement of aging existing libraries". If there's a neighbourhood that has an aging existing full-service branch library that it would like to send us
We pay way too much in property taxes! I think they get enough as it is!
We should take full advantage of the recreational facilities (upgrades & construction) that the Olympics are bringing. Then, use that to bring more & more eventos to Vancouver (& keep existing ones, eg. Molson Indy - bring it back)
Well done on adding to the supply of nice new bus shelters. No to Mt. Pleasant Pool replacement; Yes to DTES library. Scrap the bike lane idea on Burrard Bridge but add to the network of bike friendly routes on residential streets.
What's the long term maintenance plan for new capital?
Why does question 6 use a scale of 1 - 10 when you've listed 13 projects for consideration? I am marking each proproty with 13 being the most important.
Why don't we have a regular budget for streetwork. Stop pushing the problems into the West End! Back alley Thurlow to Bute - a disgrace. What happened to the gas tax money promised by the federal government?
Why is Mount Pleasant Pool not on this list (Q. 6 list)??
Why is the West End so beautiful with million dollar community centres and DTES is industrial, run down, aged community ctrs.
Will there be enough to do a first class job? Will inflation and the work force be accounted for with the budget.
Yes I think making more bike routes is a great idea
You are wasting our money on too many "cultural" grants. Get back to basics & stop trying to be like New York/San Fran! STOP spending on useless items & spend on truly necessary items. There is a difference between "want" and "need"! Remember that!
You can also take money from your roundabouts which most people don't seem to understand, your trafiic calming bulging and fancy garbage cans. Get your priorities straight!! Less frills - more compassion!!