

MOTION

4. Accelerating the City of Vancouver Pedestrian Curb Ramp Program

At the Regular Council meeting on January 30, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on February 21, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Increasing the walkability and accessibility of Vancouver's streets and sidewalks is a priority for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver City Council and central to the City's active transportation objectives;
2. The City of Vancouver values all members of our diverse communities and is committed to removing barriers that might prevent citizens and visitors alike from fully enjoying our city;
3. The City of Vancouver has long recognized the importance of sidewalk accessibility and has been installing over 200 curb ramps per year on street corners since the 1960s to create easier sidewalk access for people, including persons with disabilities, persons who use mobility aids, and persons with strollers and shopping trolleys;
4. As noted in the City's 2018 Budget, the City of Vancouver Pedestrian Curb Ramp Program has seen an increase in the demand for curb ramps as the City endeavors to complete the sidewalk network for seamless travel throughout the pedestrian environment;
5. As noted in the City's 2018 Budget, there are approximately 6,000 locations throughout the City that still require curb ramps, with requests from residents for ramps at approximately 600 of these locations;
6. Improving city-wide accessibility is an ongoing priority for Vancouver City Council that benefits everyone in the community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council consider prioritization of the City's Pedestrian Curb Ramp Program as part of the upcoming 2019-2022 Capital Plan in order to accelerate the installation of curb ramps at the approximately 6,000 locations throughout the City where they are still required, thereby accelerating the completion of a seamless network for sidewalk travel throughout the city's pedestrian environment.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to present to Council, at the earliest possible opportunity, an estimated cost to install curb ramps at all of the approximately 6,000 locations throughout the City where they are still required.

- C. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to report back to Council within 60 days with recommendations for potential sources of any additional funding that could be leveraged to accelerate and complete the installation of curb ramps at all of the approximately 6,000 locations throughout the City where they are still required, including - but not limited to - potential funding that may be available from the Federal and Provincial governments, from non-profit foundations, and from other corporate and community partners who may have the ability and the inclination to contribute financially toward the goal of achieving a seamless network of accessible sidewalk travel throughout the city's pedestrian environment.

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