

## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 5. Working Together: City of Vancouver 2019 Budget Committee

MOVER: Councillor De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. On October 20, 2018, ten Councillors who represent four political parties and/or organizations and an independent Mayor were elected to serve the City of Vancouver. With no clear majority, Council members must work together to pass policy;
2. City Council will need to make decisions on the 2019 Capital and Operating Budgets in December 2018;
3. The 2018 City Budget included an operating budget of \$1.405 billion and capital expenditures of \$4.264 million. Operating expenditures included:
  - Public Safety (31%)
  - Engineering & Utilities (29%)
  - Community Related Services (28%)
  - Corporate Support (17%)
4. The City of Vancouver is struggling with an affordability crisis and any increase in property tax, especially above the rate of inflation, may contribute to the further affordability issues facing the city;
5. Without approval of the City of Vancouver operating budget, City Council is not able to provide basic and much needed services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council approve a committee of up to five Vancouver City Council members, including the Mayor, allowing no more than one Council member from the four political parties or organizations represented on Council; the City of Vancouver Chief Financial Officer and the City Manager to meet and discuss the budget outlook and give feedback to staff on behalf of Council.
- B. THAT Council approve a general Terms of Reference for the Budget Committee 2019 outlined in the attached "Appendix A".
- C. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the committee, report to City Council in a letter before, or at the time the 2019 Budget recommendations are distributed to City Council members. Furthermore, this letter should outline any specific and/or significant changes to the recommendations as an outcome of the participation of the committee.
- D. THAT Council directs the Committee to begin meeting immediately and as often as the committee agrees is necessary.

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**APPENDIX A  
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**MANDATE**

To provide in-depth feedback to staff and contribute to the process of finalizing the 2019 budget that will come to Council.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- The Mayor
- A maximum of four City Council members, with no more than one member from each political party and/or organization.
- The Chief Financial Officer for the City of Vancouver
- The City Manager
- Other staff members may be appointed by the City Manager.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

- Provides input to staff to be included in 2019 Budget Recommendations Coming to City Council in December 2018.
- Considers and balances affordability issues facing the City of Vancouver and the need to provide services and facilities.

**THE COMMITTEE:**

- Works cooperatively with staff in drafting the 2019 Operating Budget and 5 year Financial Plan.
- Consider the level of public engagement, consultation and participation in the budget process.

**PLANNING AND REPORTING:**

- Advises Council members through written correspondence, at briefings or in a final summary to be written to Council by the Mayor on behalf of the committee and sent to all members of Council by March 2019.

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