



# City of Vancouver Covid-19 Economic and Community Recovery Program Progress Update



Presented to Vancouver City Council  
November 3, 2020







## To discuss today

1. City of Vancouver Covid-19 response and recovery programs
2. Council Committee on Covid-19 Recovery
3. Key recovery initiatives implemented to date, overview
4. Next steps

Appendix: Key recovery initiatives implemented to date, details

**1.**

**City of Vancouver Covid-19  
response and recovery programs**

# Covid-19 in Vancouver

**632,000**  
residents

**37,000**  
businesses

**3,400**  
registered  
charities

## Vancouver's recovery from the pandemic impacts

*The City of Vancouver is committed to working with our partners to support and accelerate our collective recovery from the pandemic impacts – on dimensions that include health, well-being, economic stability, safety, security, equity, anti-racism, and cultural expression – recognizing that at this time we are still in the midst of the pandemic.*

**4.5%**  
unemployment

Metro Vancouver,  
at August 2019

**12.8%**  
unemployment

Metro Vancouver,  
at August 2020

**↓ 32,000**  
jobs

Jobs in Vancouver,  
Feb-Aug 2020

**↓ 6%**  
gross GDP

Metro Vancouver,  
2020 forecast/  
2019 actual

**\$7 m**  
lost income  
for artists

**116%**  
increase in  
hate crimes  
and racially  
motivated  
incidents

2020-09/2019-09

**878%**  
increase in  
anti-Asian  
hate  
incidents

2020-09/2019-09

# City of Vancouver Covid-19 response and recovery programs



## Response

*Emergency  
pandemic  
response*



## Recovery

*Economic and  
community  
recovery*



## Restart

*Reinitiating  
the City's  
operations*



## Rethink|Rebuild

*City service  
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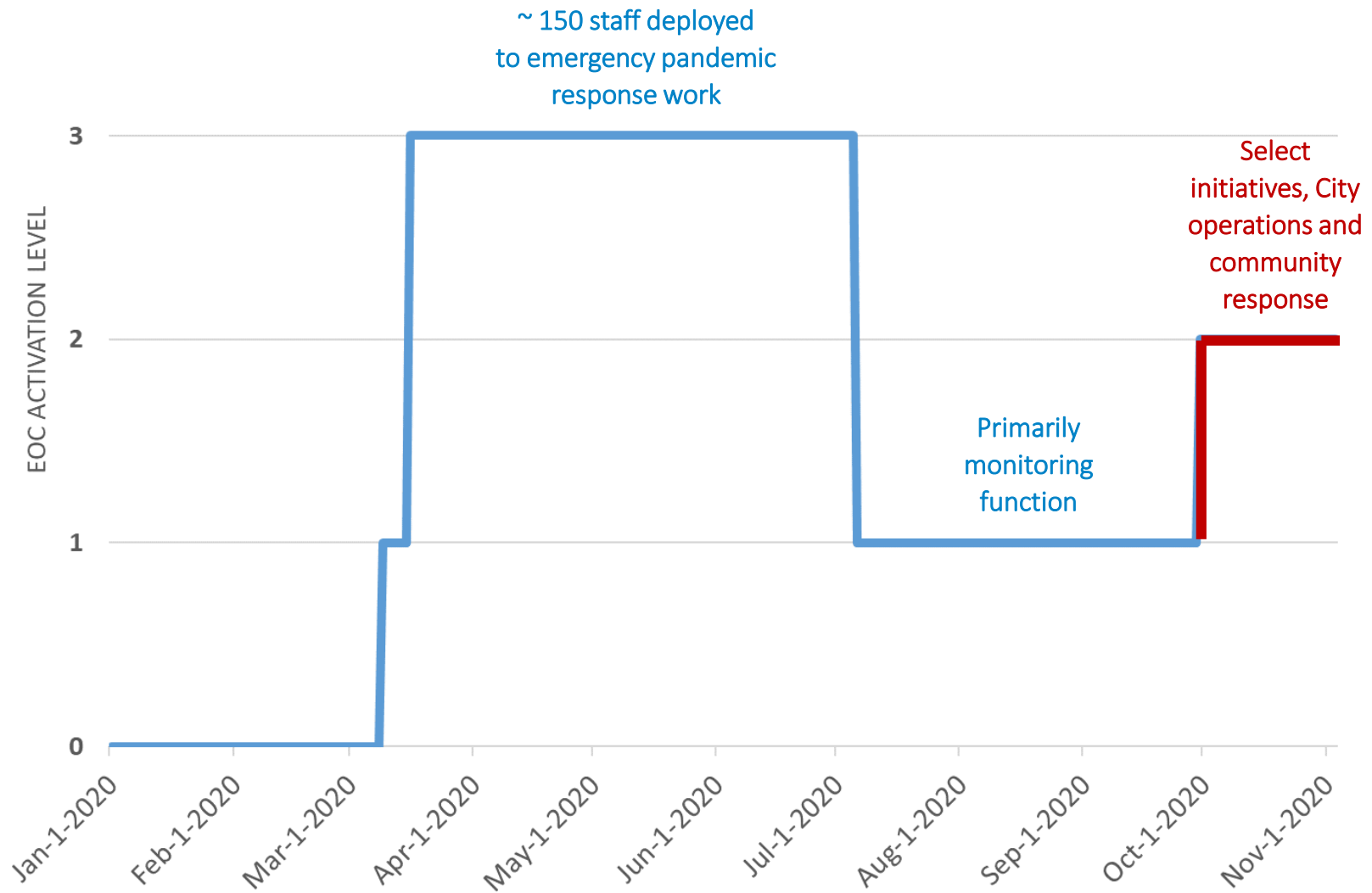


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# Significant Covid-related work still underway, Emergency Operations Centre



# Covid emergency response continues to challenge our organisation

Winter and second wave	+	Continued very significant demand for City emergency response	=	Continuation of very significant pandemic response workload
→ Continued increase in cases		→ Need to prioritise limited City resources in the face of extensive community need		→ Covid requirements putting additional pressures on non-profit agencies involved in community response, e.g., space needs, cleaning supplies, PPE
→ Changing weather means increased impact on people experiencing homelessness		→ Ability to respond depends upon available funding, financial uncertainty affects ability to proactively pursue opportunities		→ Demands on staff time to evaluate ongoing requests from health authorities
				→ Constant pressure to fund/deliver services outside of City's mandate



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An aerial photograph of Vancouver, British Columbia, taken at dusk. The image shows the city's skyline with numerous lit-up buildings, the mountains in the background, and a bridge spanning the water. In the foreground, there is a marina with many boats and a sign that reads "VILLE ISLAND PUBLIC MARKET".

## Objective: City of Vancouver Covid-19 Economic and Community Recovery Program Plan

- *Develop a program comprised of a number of focused work components to support and accelerate our local business and community recovery during/following the Covid-19 crisis*

# How the City is supporting economic and business recovery

## 1. Existing programs and services

*Libraries, community centres, public safety, social/cultural*

### How to choose?

1. *Alignment with Council priorities*
2. *Anticipated outcomes/impacts*
3. *Resourcing capabilities (funding, staff)*
4. *Alignment with existing programs and services*
5. *Alignment with municipal mandate*

## 2. Existing work pivoted toward recovery

*Business plan processing, rezoning digital uses, the Vancouver Plan*

## 3. New recovery initiative implemented (~)

*Temporary Expedited Patio  
Making Streets for People*

## 4. New recovery initiative candidates (~ 120)

*– tbd –*

# City of Vancouver Covid-19 Recovery Program key assumptions

- 1. The City must work with partners on community recovery.** *Working closely with key partners such as Vancouver Coastal Health, BC Housing, the Vancouver School Board, local non-profit agencies, local First Nations and various senior government agencies, the City of Vancouver has a role to play in supporting our local community recovery.*
- 2. The City has limited power to substantially directly influence the local economy.** *City of Vancouver has limited ability to directly influence the local economy through Covid-19 recovery, but in is a position to support a speedier recovery through strategic efforts.*
- 3. This is an opportunity to make it easier to do business in Vancouver.** *One of the principal ways the City can support local business by making it easier to do business in Vancouver, through our regulations, services, policies and processes.*
- 4. The City has an important advocacy role.** *City of Vancouver leadership can influence and support economic recovery planning efforts of industry, other levels of government and regional peers through convening others and targeted advocacy.*



# Planning Vancouver Together

Share your voice at [vancouverplan.ca](http://vancouverplan.ca)

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**Covid-19**

**Economic and Community  
Recovery**

Advisory Committee Council of Councils

30-Sep-2020

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# Shape Your City

General and Covid-specific questions

# TALK VANCOUVER

Covid engagement survey and two pulse surveys

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**2.**

**City of Vancouver's Council  
Committee on Covid-19 Recovery**

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Submitted to:  
Sadhu Johnston, City Manager, City of Vancouver  
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver  
July 31, 2020

## Council Covid Recovery Committee

- Initiated via Council motion, May 2020
- Committee of the whole of Council
- Presentations by ~ 25 experts and stakeholders on a selected set of recovery-related themes from May-July 2020
- Approximately 150 speakers' recommendations, 40 identified as top-priority by the CCRC



# Council Covid-19 Recovery Committee, themes



1.  
Economic  
recovery  
forecasts



2.  
Economic  
recovery and  
complete  
communities



3.  
Municipal  
government  
roles and  
responsibilities



4.  
Housing and  
homelessness



5.  
Climate  
emergency

## A.

### Incorporate now

1. **Incorporate priority recommendations immediately.** *Immediately upon receipt of the CCRC Report, incorporate the top-priority recommendations into the City's Covid-19 Recovery Program and other workstreams as appropriate*
2. **Consider priority recommendations in 2021 budget.** *Give consideration to the 41 top-priority recommendations in the CCRC report in the City's 2021 Operating Budget*



## B.

### Report back to Council in January 2021

1. **Evaluate/integrate.** *Evaluate and as appropriate integrate CCRC findings and recommendations*
2. **Further questions.** *Pursue answers to questions the CCRC was not able to answer during its mandate*
  - *How can the city's recovery plans increase resiliency city-wide?*
  - *How can we advance goals of service excellence?*
  - *What practices has the City adopted as a result of the pandemic should we consider continuing?*
3. **Opportunities for Council to identify/hear from experts.** *Options to create more opportunities for Council to identify/hear directly from experts and organizations as part of Council presentations*

**3.**

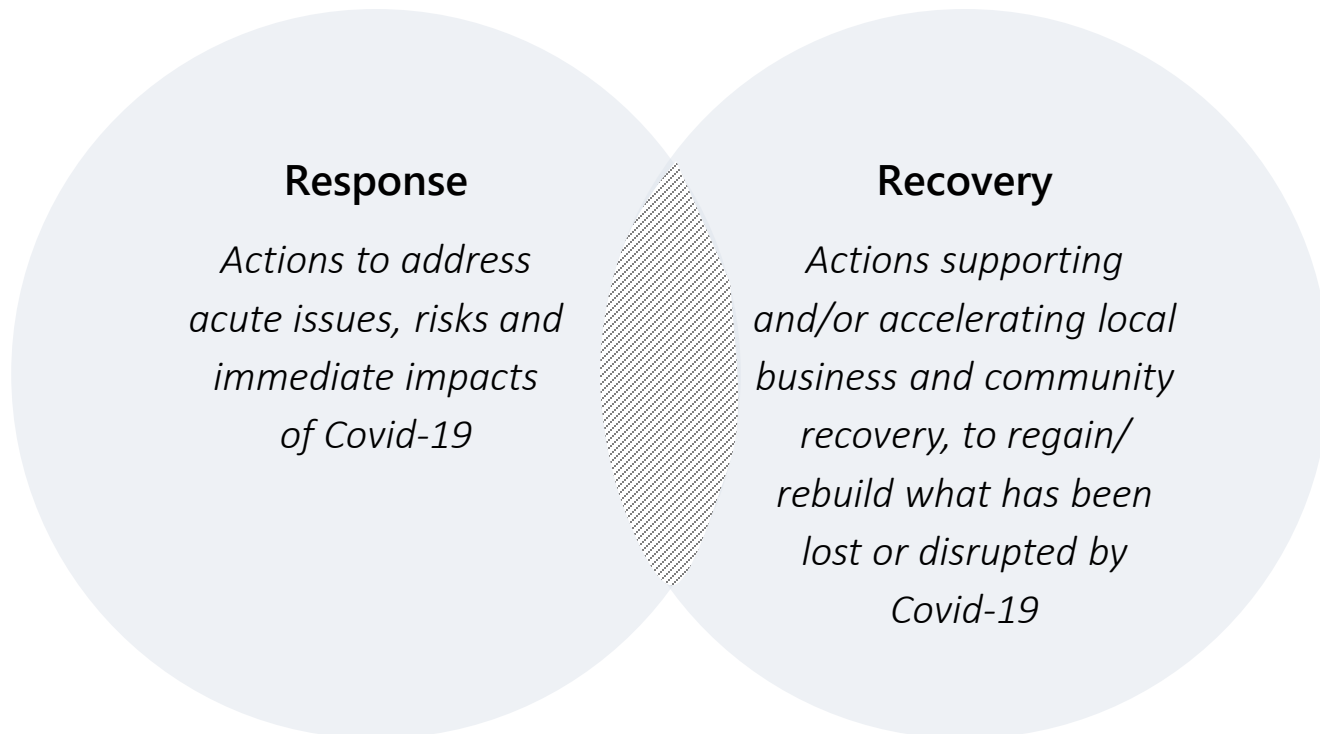
**Key recovery initiatives  
implemented to date, overview**

The City has invested  
**\$13 million**

in **Covid-19 response**  
since March 2020

The City has invested  
**\$21 million**

in **Covid-19 community/economic  
recovery** since March 2020



SOURCE OF FUNDING = REALLOCATED AND EXTERNAL FUNDING  
RESPONSE FIGURE IS BEFORE PROVINCIAL REIMBURSEMENTS · FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE



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**~ 90%**  
of City's recovery  
initiatives  
implemented to  
date are aligned  
with CCRC  
presenters'  
recommendations

# 4. Next steps

*Wherever appropriate, City work has been/is being pivoted to address Covid-19 impacts and to support business and community recovery*

Deliver services that meet needs



Address affordability and the housing crisis



Protect a resilient economy



Use focus on equity and critical social issues



Accelerate action on climate change



We will be flexible and quickly adjust within each priority to best support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

# Recovery Program next steps

*Various Covid-19 Recovery Program workstream reports and one-off recovery initiatives to Council*

**January 2021**  
*CCRC report  
to Council*

**November 2020**  
*Covid-19 Recovery  
Program Progress  
Update to Council*

**Q1-2021**  
*Covid-19 Recovery  
Program Final  
Report to Council*

*Implementation and continued  
focus on Covid-19 recovery  
integrated into all City work*

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## Appendix

Key recovery initiatives  
implemented to date, details



# Economic and Community Recovery Program, seven workstreams

## A. Business Recovery

**Karen Levitt,**  
Deputy City Manager

## B. Community Recovery /The Vancouver Plan

**Gil Kelley, GM, PDS •**  
**Susan Haid, Deputy**  
Director, PDS

## C. Non-Profit & Social Enterprise Recovery Support

**Sandra Singh,**  
GM, ACCS • **Branislav**  
**Henselmann, Director,**  
Cultural Services

## D. Disproportionately Impacted Populations Recovery Support

**Sandra Singh,**  
GM, ACCS • **Mary Clare**  
**Zak, Director, Social**  
Policy and Projects

### INDIGENOUS RECOVERY

## E. Development & Permit Process Improvements

**Gil Kelley, GM, PDS &**  
**Jessie Adcock, GM,**  
DBL

## F. Senior Government Advocacy

**Tobin Postma, Director,**  
Intergovernmental  
Relations

## G. Stimulus-Funded Projects

**Patrice Impey, GM, FRS**  
• **Grace Cheng,**  
Director, LT Financial  
Strategy

*Some overlap  
among  
workstreams,  
coordinated and  
aligned via  
central Leads  
Forum*

# City Council priorities



Deliver quality core services  
that meet residents' needs



Address  
**affordability**  
and the housing  
crisis



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## COUNCIL PRIORITY



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## **Our core municipal programs and services support recovery**

- Libraries and community centres have mostly fully resumed services
- Public service desks limited operation, have been largely replaced with digital services
- Civic theatres limited restart
- Significant budget shortfalls in 2020 and 2021



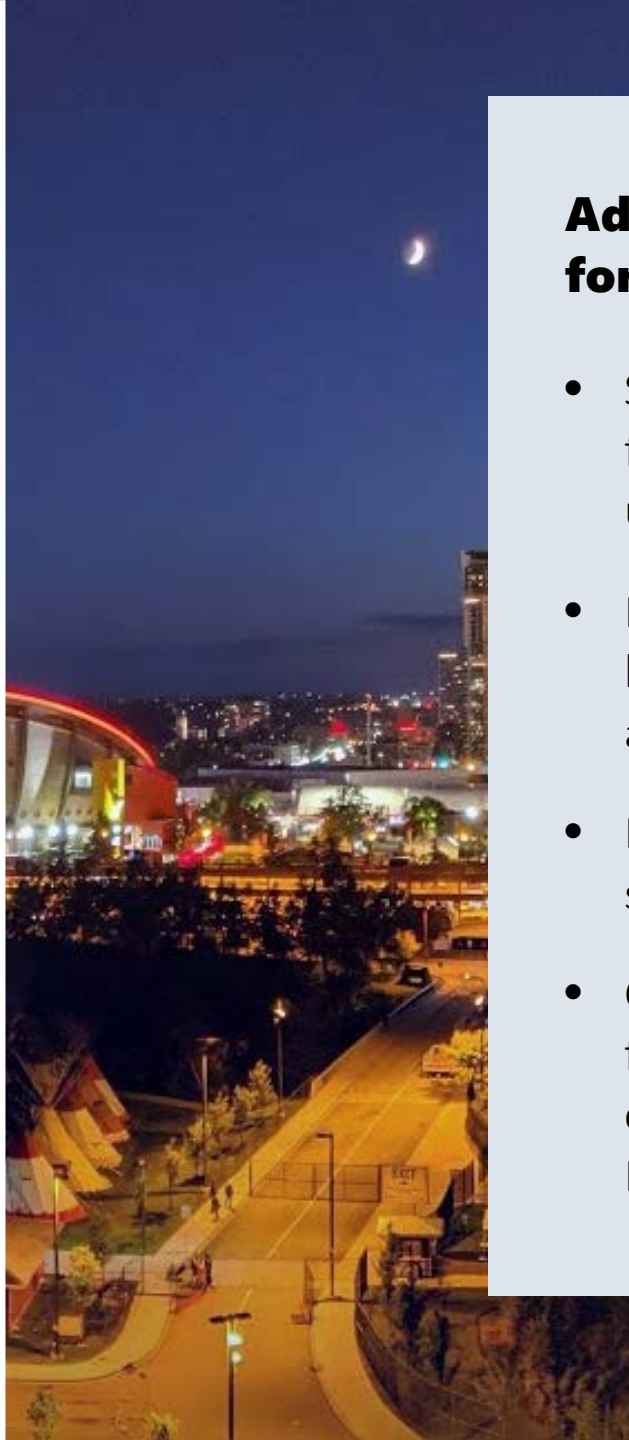
# Canada



## **Advocacy, Safe Restart funding**

- Federal and provincial governments to contribute \$540 million to support BC local governments' Covid-19 restart/recovery
  - \$425 million: Support restart and mitigate Covid-19 financial and operating impacts
  - \$100 million: Strengthening communities
  - \$15 million: Development approval process improvements
- Combined efforts of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Big City Mayors' Caucus, and finance and intergovernmental relations staff
- City of Vancouver allocation tbd





## **Advocacy, federal support for Canada's large cities**

- Seeking enhanced ongoing federal support for large urban cities
- Municipal finance reform to better align funding sources and mandate
- Parallel/aligned political and staff efforts
- City Manager collaboration forum for Canada's six largest cities – Big City Executive Partnership







## **Advocacy, provincial support for Canada's large cities**

- BC Urban Mayors' Caucus 2020 Blueprint for British Columbia's Urban Future
  - Mental Health, Substance Use and Addictions
  - Affordable Housing
  - Public Transit
  - A New Fiscal Framework
- Seeking a minimum \$1 billion annual unconditional funding from Province for capital infrastructure





## **Preparing for senior government stimulus funding**

- Preparing applications for a number of emerging senior government Covid-related infrastructure funding streams
- Emphasis on alignment with other Council priorities, e.g., housing, climate emergency, childcare, etc.



## COUNCIL PRIORITY



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crisis



## Affordable Housing

- \$30 million allocated to Emergency Covid-19 relief for unsheltered Vancouver residents in October 2010
- Expediting regulatory processing for affordable housing
- April 2020 Covid19 Housing Response and Recovery Plan – immediate recovery actions and longer-term recalibration of our housing system
  - Replacement of DTES SROs to self-contained social housing, scaling up production of non-market housing, encouraging private developers to provide housing aligned to local incomes, enhancing rental housing, preventing speculation
  - Opportunity to access the \$1 billion federal Rapid Housing Initiative, the second stream of Reaching Home Program funding



## COUNCIL PRIORITY



**Protect and build  
a resilient local  
economy**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back on the feasibility of a permanent Business Communications and Support Portal with the goal of a one stop shop for local business owners, local non-profits, social enterprises, and self-employed individuals including artists in Va

- i) Consolidates and streamlines different city services;
- ii) Becomes a one stop online platform for all licenses associated with a business address, including but not limited to zoning, planning, engineering, fire, police, and waste management;
- iii) Supports a concierge system that allows business owners to have a single point of contact when working with the city;
- iv) Is more flexible, especially with respect to emerging businesses;
- v) Will align with the support work of the "Business Liaison Project"; and
- vi) Provides options for a scaled business licence system and incentives for business that meet our city priorities.

FURTHER THAT staff report back on the feasibility of an emergency registry to identify the availability of retail spaces and look at incentivizing the use of these spaces for popups, art and cultural enterprises and business incubators;

FURTHER THAT staff consider and report back on establishing a Business Advisory Taskforce, to build on the Mayor's small business roundtables and identify the needs of the broader business community.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with the Business Communications Commission and other business associations to expand the city's business network of support services.

## Business support and liaison

- Business Communication and Support portal established April 2020, single point of contact for business support and feedback to the City
- To mid-October, over 10,800 business inquiries to 311, website accessed over 2,000 times
- June 2020 Council motion to advance business support and liaison, including one-stop portal for City transactions, and a business advisory taskforce







## **Property tax due date extension**

- Residential and non-residential property tax due date extended from first week in July to September 30, 2020

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## **Rent Assistance Program**

- For qualified tenants in City-owned properties, option to defer April/May 2020 rent, to be paid back over 2021, no interest or penalties

A blue architectural blueprint of a house, showing the roof, walls, windows, and a staircase. The drawing is in white lines on a blue background.

## Electronic permit processing and inspections

- Evaluating which of the Covid-19 permit intake improvements to permanently incorporate into business model
- Virtual meetings and document review, electronic payments, virtual design staff review meeting decisions
- Virtual Urban Design Panel and Development Permit Board meetings
- Thirty-three virtual open houses for rezoning applications to date, ~ 14,300 visits – three-week period for public to ask questions, response within two business days, replacing a single three-hour in-person event
- Expanded construction hours, case by case decisions via GM, DBL



# Vancouver City Council to consider virtual public hearings for rezoning applications



Kenneth Chan | Apr 2 2020, 10:25 am



May 2019 artistic rendering for 2538 Birch Street (formerly 1296 West Broadway) in Vancouver. (IBI Group/Jameson Development Group)

Can public hearings in Vancouver City Council for rezoning applications still be conducted within the foreseeable future? Attracting public speakers and delegations to council chambers is currently a tough proposition due to COVID-19.

## Digital public hearings

- Online digital public hearings for rezoning applications







## Temporary Expedited Patio Program

- For restaurants and cafes
- Original program ended November 2020, extended to October 2021
- Fees and permits waived, straightforward permits issued in 2-5 business days
- Changed *Zoning Bylaw* to allow breweries, wineries and distilleries to operate outdoors
- **415** temporary patio permits issued to end-September 2020 – **336** on public property, **79** on private property



# COVID-19: B.C. hospitality sector to get fast-tracked liquor licences for expanded patios

*The fast-tracking of liquor licensing was applauded by the struggling hospitality industry, which normally employs 190,000 workers, almost all of whom were laid off because of the COVID-19 lockdown.*

Susan Lazaruk  
May 22, 2020 • Last Updated 3 months ago • 2 minute read



Patio dining, seen here in Vancouver in 2019, will look very different in B.C. 2020. PHOTO BY GERRY KAHRMANN / PNG

## Temporary liquor licensing pre-approvals

- Blanket pre-approval for eligible temporary liquor service area expansions, streamlined process
- Originally to end-October 2020, extended to end-October 2021
- Aligned *Fire Bylaw* occupancy calculations with *BC Fire Code*, allowing higher occupancy in some cases







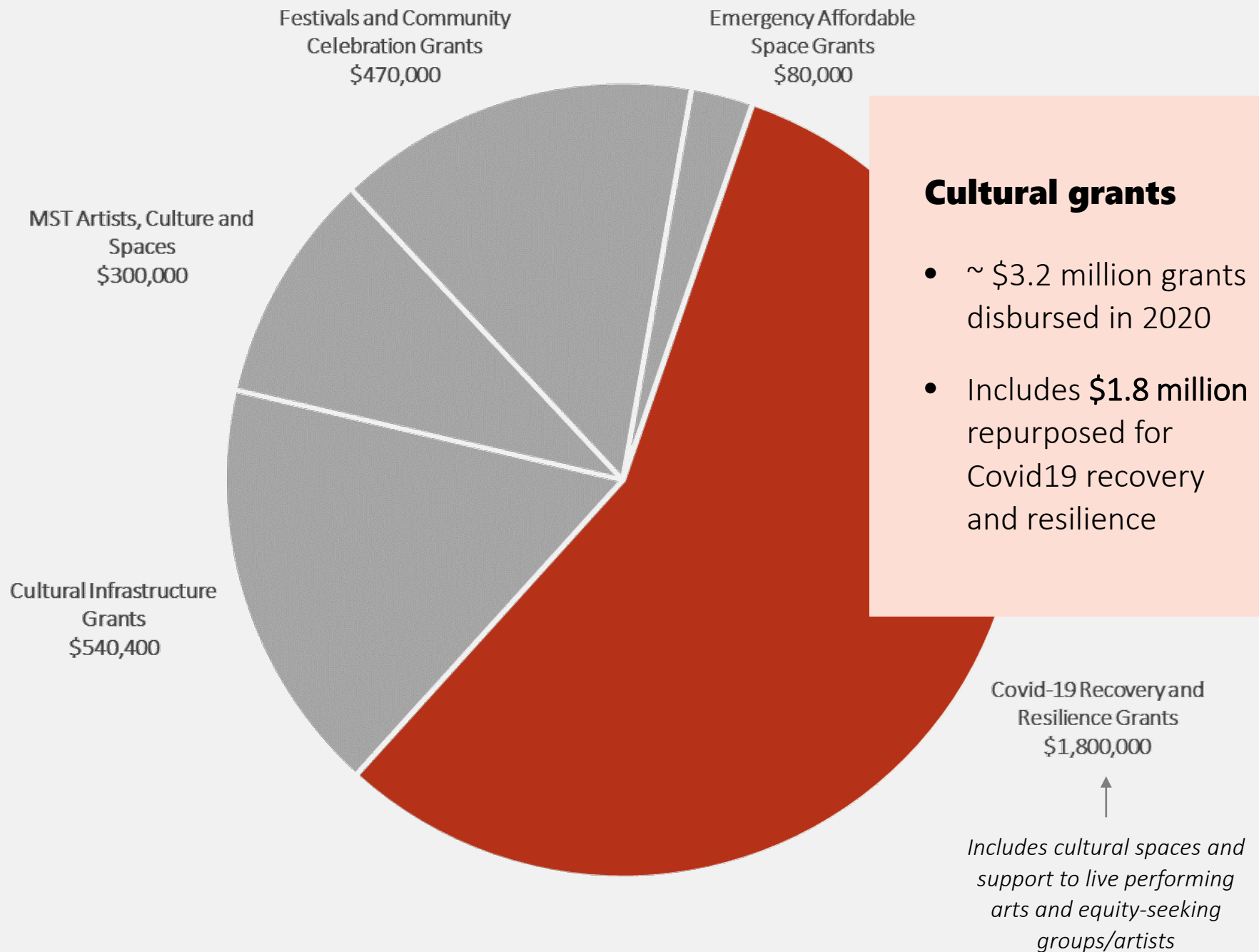
## **Making Streets for People Program**

- **Room to Move** – Space for business customers, pedestrians and bus passengers (Beach Avenue, Granville Street)
- **Room to Load** – Space for short term loading near businesses
- **Room to Queue** – Space for lineups outside businesses and agencies (17 in place)
- **Slow Streets** – Over 40 km of roads to give people more space to exercise/hang out
- **Repurposed street space** – To allow more walking, rolling and cycling, e.g., Beach Avenue, 11 + 3 upcoming pop-up plazas (including linear plazas on Robson Street), various parklets and extended sidewalks



## Community safety and street disorder

- Supporting increased security presence in Chinatown in response to rising racism, violence and graffiti
- Reallocation of sanitation resources to address increasing response to unsheltered homelessness and related issues – increased homelessness services outreach, garbage and litter collection, lane flushing, micro-cleaning, power-washing pilot, focused in Downtown South
- Deploying park ambassadors in high-traffic parks
- Hosted seven multi-lingual town halls to facilitate dialogue on community issues/concerns/Covid-19 response
- **Anti-Racism Action Plan** and **Washroom Strategy** are both near-term workplan priorities
- Vancouver Coastal Health has increased **Spikes on Bikes** needle pickup service





OPEN WITH CARE



**BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS OF BC**

## **Open With Care campaign**

- Provided design and translation services to the Business Associations of BC Open With Care campaign, encouraging Vancouverites to shop local as businesses reopened, with customer/staff safety top of mind
- Posters, buttons, and floor decals among materials translated into Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Punjabi, Tagalog, and Vietnamese
- Promoted on City website
- Materials available online to download





## **Advocacy: Digital Main Street, ShopHERE and Bring Back Main Street**

- Partnering with a number of business associations to advocate for **Digital Main Street** and **ShopHERE** – programs that support independent small business and artists in creating a commercial online presence
- **Bring Back Main Street** is national research and action campaign to support main street recovery





## **Advocacy: An expanded Provincial property tax deferment program**

- Advocating to expand the provincial property tax deferment program to include all residential, commercial and non-profit agencies that need it







## **Advocacy: Split assessment through a new commercial sub-class**

- Advocating for a split property assessment methodology that would enable the City to lower property taxes on unbuilt density, in order to provide tax relief to small business, art, culture and non-profit sectors





## COUNCIL PRIORITY



**Increase focus  
on equity and  
critical social  
issues**



## Social grants and childcare

- \$1.3 million social service grants to be disbursed in 2020, an incremental \$580,000 to be considered by Council in November 2020
- \$0.5 million Childcare Rapid Response grants disbursed July 2020, an incremental \$250,000 to be considered by Council in November 2020
  - For both grant streams, focus on communities disproportionately impacted by Covid19, including urban Indigenous people, the Black community and sex workers
- Three new childcare facilities coming online – 162 new spaces for under five year olds, two opening in 2022



## Support for people disproportionately impacted by Covid19

- Increased homelessness outreach to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness – income, housing and supports
- Funded three washroom trailers operated by partners
- Working with Vancouver Coastal Health to implement interventions to mitigate re-escalating opioid crisis
- Translating select City materials into five languages and into plain language, outreach to non-English speakers
- Working with social enterprises to provide low-barrier employment opportunities
- Implementing **Equity Decision-Making Tool** across organization
- Working with BC Housing to open additional temporary shelters and permanent housing options







## Bus-priority measures

- In partnership with Translink, piloting measures to address bus delays – Granville Street, Robson Street, Main Street and Kingsway, and 49th Avenue
  - Extending sidewalks/curbs at bus stops to reduce the need for buses to merge in and out of traffic
  - Changes at intersections to reduce delays to buses and other vehicles
  - New bus lanes to give priority to buses over regular traffic, parking and curbside access







## Indigenous peoples and recovery

- Begin to work with the Urban Indigenous People's Advisory Committee to prioritise City's response to their report, *Centering Community in the City's COVID-19 Response*
- In partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and the First Nations Health Authority, supported the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC) to create the **Urban Indigenous Pandemic Response Hub** to facilitate public health/Covid-19 information dissemination and to help keep urban Indigenous community connected
- Secured a permanent location for an Indigenous healing/wellness/cultural space
- Supporting MVAEC in developing Urban Indigenous Covid-19 communications strategy





## Supporting women through the recovery

- In collaboration with Indigenous communities, advancing **Women's Legacy Project** – proposed housing and community space that prioritizes Indigenous women and families
- Developing **Sex Worker Safety Plan**, to provide access to safe space, washrooms, employment and training initiatives
- Advancing **UN Safe Cities for Women and Girls Scoping Study**, to better understand and respond to gender-based violence in Vancouver and implement initiatives across the City
- In 2020, allocating 23% of all social grants (\$1 million) to programs primarily serving women, plus \$2.5 million childcare grants







## Alcohol Consumption Pilot Project

- August to October 2020
- People can bring/consume alcohol at four locations
- Primarily an equity initiative to support people without access to private outdoor space



CCRC

## COUNCIL PRIORITY



Accelerate  
action  
on climate  
change





## **City's climate emergency action plan Covid-19 intersects**

- Added \$12 million to climate emergency projects via Capital Plan Recalibration
- Identifying climate-related projects for potential provincial/federal stimulus funding
- Working on a plan to get people back onto transit
- All **Climate Emergency Action Plan** policies being analysed through an equity/affordability lens



End