

IN-CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 13, 2021

DECISION RELEASE

Report back on Council Motion Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives: Draft City of Vancouver Submission to the Special Parliamentary Committee on the Reform of the Police Act

- A. THAT Council receive the draft submission (“Draft Submission”) attached as Appendix “A” to the Report dated April 9, 2021 entitled “Report back on Council Motion Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community Led Safety Initiatives: Draft City of Vancouver Submission to the Special Parliamentary Committee on the Reform of the *Police Act*”, for information.
- B. THAT Council approve the themes and general directions in the Draft Submission for finalization and final submission to the Province.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to release the final submission publicly once it has been formally submitted to the Province.
- D. THAT Council amend the recommendation that form part of the draft submission to the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act* in the following areas:
 - **In Section A:** Add a recommendation requiring increased transparency and public reporting related to police budgets.

FURTHER THAT Council amend the recommendations that form part of the draft submission to the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act* in the following areas:

- **In Section B:** Systemic Biases and Racism
 - i. Amend recommendation 3 to include trauma-informed practice.
- **In Section C:** Shared Community Safety Responsibility add:
 - i. The Province review the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peer Assisted Crisis Team (PACT) model as a possible framework for non-police mental health intervention and allocate seed funding for a pilot in Vancouver, North/West Vancouver, Victoria and additional interested municipalities.
 - ii. The Province mandate inter-agency protocol agreements between police, child and youth, health, and justice agencies to improve information sharing and coordination of services.
- **In Section D:** Beyond the *Police Act*: Overall Systemic Change

- i. The Province strike an urgent, expert-led mental health and addiction task force to address the continuum of needs, from harm reduction to treatment.
- ii. The Province, in collaboration with the City and community service agencies, undertake a review of Downtown Eastside services, with the goal of creating a coordinated service delivery framework that effectively delivers a range of services, including a coordinated service delivery framework that effectively delivers a range of services, including a coordinated outreach strategy, critical mental health and addiction treatment, as well as access to appropriate housing, basic health care needs, and other services.

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